

3 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

September Opening

I hope that you and your family are well at this time. I write to confirm our intention to open fully as per my communication dated 17 July which you can view [here](#). There is currently no local lockdown in place in the York area and if the current picture remains, we will be opening to staff on Monday 7 September for training purposes and then the return of students will be phased from 8 September as below:

Tuesday 8 September - school open to Year 7 students. 8.45am start.

Wednesday 9 September - school open to all students but the start will be staggered as follows:

- Year 7 - 8.45am
- Years 8 and 9 - 9.30am
- Years 10 and 11 - 10.00am

Since the release of new guidance, we have worked closely with the Trust central team, our local governing body, our staff and local headteachers to develop our plans as we collectively interpret the new guidance. Work has taken place over the summer period to ensure that school is ready to safely welcome our students back in September. This work has included the following measures:

- Every classroom in school has hand sanitiser dispensers installed at the entrance. Classrooms have been configured to allow for distancing of teaching staff, including removal of unnecessary furniture.
- The rooming arrangements of the timetable have been reworked to create three 'bubbles'.
- A detailed and thorough risk assessment has been produced and approved by the Trust and our local governing body. This is available for you to read on our website under the Coronavirus section.
- We have strengthened our cleaning staff capacity to ensure we can meet the additional cleaning arrangements.
- Additional hand washing and toilet facilities have been opened for students to use.
- We are adapting our cashless payment system, whereby students will use an individual PIN number, rather than using the thumb-print recognition software.

Guidance for full opening

Accompanying this letter is the guidance we have produced for you, **please read it carefully**. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at hello@voy.hlt.academy

I am very much looking forward to seeing all students and staff next week.

Yours faithfully,



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