

Dear Parents/Carers

As promised, I attach a detailed guide for your children's return to The Castle in September. This guide is for you and your child/ren so that everyone is clear about what will happen when the School reopens to welcome our students back in September. You should also have received your child's timetable in the post and this will help you to make sense of the attached guide.

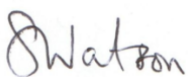
In the guide, you will find information about the organisation of the School so that we minimise contact between year groups, and maintain social distancing as much as possible. These arrangements will hold for the **first two weeks** to help everyone adjust and to reinforce the need for the new measures. At the end of two weeks, we will review how well things have gone and consider how we can improve further our delivery of education for your children.

This is all new for all of us and I know you will bear with us whilst we settle the School and adjust to this very different situation for all of us. We hope we have covered everything but inevitably, there may be glitches and hiccups in the first instance and I appreciate when parents contact us with helpful suggestions or concerns. We are very much in this together and contributions are appreciated.

Please do support your child and make things as easy and normal as possible by going through the guide so that he/she feels confident and happy to come back. We have missed our students and colleagues very much and having the Year 11s back in for their well-earned GCSE results reminded those of us who were in just why we love this job so much.

I am really looking forward to welcoming all our students back in September. It will be different but we will still be The Castle School and all it stands for. We will expect Year 11s to attend any extra lessons after school of course but there will be no other after school activities or enrichment to begin with while we get everyone settled. After the initial two weeks, we will review all arrangements and see what is working well and what we can improve. I will inform you of any changes we make in due course. In the meantime, I hope you and your families enjoy the last week of the holidays and that your children are excited by the return to School and are looking forward to it as much as I am.

Best wishes,



Mrs Watson

Headteacher