

EBE/srg

24th August 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have enjoyed your summer holidays and your child/children are looking forward to the imminent return to school. My colleagues and I have put together an extensive video which will be sent to you later on this week to give you greater detail of our plans regarding the return to school. Our risk assessment is also available on the website for you should you wish to access this.

Last term, we felt the relationship with our student and parent body was the strongest it has ever been. We really appreciated the positive feedback we received and it was a great motivator to all staff to keep up the hard work even in the most difficult of conditions. Our aim this next academic year is to keep our communication as effective as possible with you and ensure parents and students have a chance to regularly raise any feedback or questions. We have therefore set up another coffee morning to discuss the return to school on Tuesday, 1st September at 11am-12pm. If you would like to attend by Zoom, please could you email talktous@willingdonschool.org.uk and we will send you the code.

Our Strategic Improvement Plan for the first two terms will entirely centre around recovery and ensuring we support students with the smooth transition back to school. We appreciate there may be significant gaps with our students' knowledge or skillset from working at home over the last six months. We need to ensure our recovery curriculum helps address this and plugs the gaps. We also know that students may be facing great anxiety and self-esteem issues having been away from school for so long. We need to ensure our welfare system and pastoral support is exceptional to help every student readjust, feel safe at school and enjoy their education once more.

Thank you once again for all the support you have shown us so far this year and we hope to see many of you on our live Zoom coffee morning on Tuesday, 1st September. Enjoy your last full week of summer with your children.

Best wishes,



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