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Reopening of school for pupils in Years 7 and 8
Monday 6 July – Friday 31 July

We are reopening school to Year 7 and Year 8 on a rotation basis from the 6 July until 31 July. Please refer to the school reopening letter for further details.

Therefore, we are extending the school term so all pupils have 2 weeks of learning with their teachers, before the summer break. This will have a significant positive impact on pupils learning and mental health.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that we have put into place all the necessary safety measures that are needed, to ensure everyone is as safe as they can reasonably be on the school site. We currently have pupils and staff in the building, who are all maintaining appropriate distance and following advice to keep us all safe.

Mercia School has introduced many safety measures to ensure pupils and staff stay safe. Some of these measures include:

- Less than 130 pupils will be on the school site on any given day
- Small group sizes of between 10 – 15 pupils in classrooms spread across our vast site
- Teachers teaching limited groups to minimise contact
- 2m distance will be maintained in all classrooms and around the school building. We have placed markings around school to indicate the appropriate distance. Given our small numbers and robust routines this is achieved more easily
- Pupils will use different entrances and will be completely separated from other groups throughout the day
- Handwashing facilities on entry and exit to the site, before and after breaks and also at regular times throughout the day. We have mobile sanitiser and handwashing units
- Availability of hand sanitiser in every classroom for pupils and staff
- An enhanced cleaning regime including regular cleaning throughout the day in classrooms and communal areas and deep cleaning every evening

- Exclusive toilet blocks for limited groups of pupils
- Well ventilated teaching rooms
- Pupils to bring a packed lunch to minimise handling, eaten in classrooms- followed by cleaning
- 3 outdoor breaks- socially distanced
- Designated outdoor space for small groups which are well supervised at breaks and lunch
- High staff presence at the start and end of day
- Temperature checks

I would like to thank you for your continuous support at this incredibly difficult time. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school at enquiries@merciaschool.com