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Dear Parents and Carers – Update from the Head, Friday 17th July 2020

As this extraordinary school year draws to a close I wanted to finish by saying how proud I am of our students' efforts to complete their work since school closed over 100 days ago. Although we recognise that students will be at different stages with their learning in September, we are confident that all the work undertaken will provide the necessary springboard for a successful start to their next academic year.

This could not have been achieved without your support of home-schooling and I am extremely grateful for your sustained efforts during this unprecedented time – we know that it must have felt like a long time, indeed!

Whilst we have no way of knowing what the future may hold, we have set out a **clear plan for the reopening of Beaminster School in September** which enables 'education as usual' to go ahead as much as it can, while also minimising contact between pupils, and staff, as much as possible – please do read the attachment carefully.

We have worked with a wide range of partners on this document and are grateful to other West Dorset schools for collaborating on this endeavour. Please be aware that whilst this plan represents our best endeavours at this point, **it remains a live working document** and is subject to change and updated guidance over the next six weeks. The information will also be put onto the school website and updated as necessary, so do keep an eye on it.

As mentioned last week, we will have **different year groups** in school for the first few days so that we can help to transition them back into school sensitively and safely. This will be as follows:

Monday 7th September: Year 7 and 12 **ONLY**
Tuesday 8th September: Years 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13 **ONLY** (**NOT** Years 10 and 11)
Wednesday 9th September: Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 (All year groups in school)

All school transport will be running as normal and we expect students to gather in their **designated areas** (see below) by **8.45am**.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12&13
Courtyard	Science Tennis Courts	Outside LRC	Gym Tennis Courts	Canteen Steps	6 th Form centre

Students must attend school in **full school uniform** with their usual **smart appearance** (**no lockdown hair colours or styles!**) and bring along their own drinks bottle, hand sanitiser (for personal use) and usual classroom equipment - pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, calculator, pair of compasses and a protractor.

Please also remind students that **mobile phones** must not be used in school and should be out of sight at all times. As it will not be possible to deposit phones at Reception in September students will be responsible for keeping their own phones safe and out of sight. There will be **no break-time canteen**, but light lunches will be available. At the end of the school day Year 7 and 8 will leave lessons 5 minutes early to ensure safe movement to buses and home.

The **school will be closed over the summer**, and we will not be able to respond to queries, so I want to remind eligible parents / carers that the **FSM vouchers** for August will be sent out on 27th July and available to redeem online. Additionally, with the considerable affects Covid-19 has had on the economy, I would urge anyone who may require support to apply through Dorset Council website:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/at-school/free-school-meals.aspx>

The Salon on the Square are currently looking for a **new apprentice** and they would welcome contact from any interested students.

We very much look forward to welcoming Year 13 and 11 students in for their **results days** on

- **Thursday 13th August (A levels)**
- and
- **Thursday 20th August (GCSEs)**

Results will be collected on the steps at the **back of the LRC from 9am-12.30pm**, where we can provide significant socially distanced space to welcome them all safely.

We were excited to use a new, electronic “Beaminster Randomiser” for this year’s summer raffle draw. The lucky winners’ names, all selected at random, are shown below and their £20 Amazon vouchers are being sent out to them today. A video of the draw being done was made, which we will play to students in September, congratulations to all the winners.

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| 1 | Alfie Pearce 7W |
| 2 | Eddie Hewitt 11P |
| 3 | Jacob Parsons 10L |
| 4 | Megan Reed 8P |
| 5 | Rosie Fox 11M |
| 6 | Tyler Gordon-Brookes 8W |
| 7 | Caolan Ayers 11P |
| 8 | Griff Wilson-Layton 10L |
| 9 | Katie Willis 7W |
| 10 | Olivia Still 11P |

Finally, I re-iterate my thanks for all your support, encouragement and trust during these challenging times. Everyone at Beaminster School wishes you all a very restful, and safe, summer holiday.

Mr Hales