

16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Title: Return to school in September 2021**

After what has been another disrupted year of education, I write to inform you about our arrangements for the start of the new academic year in September 2021. The information provided will outline some new routines for the year and we hope that the changes reflect a positive move in helping the school to continue to move forward and provide an outstanding education for your child.

Please find below the key dates for the school return in September:

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** – Staff development day

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – Staff development day

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September** – School opens for Year 7 and Year 11 pupils only

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September** – School opens for Years 8, 9 and 10.

Although the COVID-19 safety measures have caused several limitations on the 'normal' routines of the school, there have been some measures that pupils and staff feel have been of benefit. Therefore we will continue to operate different entrances for pupils every morning; these are outline below:

- Year 7 will enter and exit via the main academy entrance
- Year 8 and Year 9 will enter and exit via the bike shed entrance
- Year 10 and Year 11 will enter and exit via the Art and Technology entrance

The school will no longer operate a staggered start for individual year groups, however, we are making some slight changes to the timings of the school day. These are outlined below:

8.40am – school opens for all pupils for tutor time

9.05am – period 1

10.05 – period 2

11.05 – break

11.25 – period 3

12.25 – period 4

13.25 – lunch

14.05 – period 5

15.05 – period 6 (Year 11 pupils only)

In line with DfE guidance, we will be applying the attendance policy if pupils do not attend school. There will no longer be any need for pupils to isolate if they or a member of their family has COVID-19 symptoms. We ask that if your child is ill, you telephone the school absence line: 01480 . . . . .

When pupils return to school, we expect our high standards of uniform will be maintained. Pupils must ensure they wear the school uniform (including their blazer) and correct black shoes. All piercings, except a single ear stud, must be removed. Fingernails should be free of nail varnish and we will not accept radical hair styles. Changing facilities for Physical Education will be able to reopen, therefore we ask that pupils bring their kit to school on their designated PE days. Please note that there is no requirement for pupils to bring PE kit on their first day in September.

We firmly believe that each and every child has the right to an excellent education, and this is the core ethos of our provision at Ernulf Academy. We want to reward pupils for their hard work, their effort and motivation, even when the learning really pushes them. At the same time, we will continue to ensure that pupils' mental health and wellbeing is supported through staff in school and outside agencies who support us. Positive pupil behaviour remains at our core, but consequences will be applied fairly and consistently should any pupil fail to meet our high expectations of pupil conduct.

We hope you and your families have a restful and enjoyable summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming our school community back in September – stay well and keep safe!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Bissoo', with a horizontal line underneath.

**Mr A Bissoo**  
Principal

