

24th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Change to Inset date from Friday 23rd July to Monday 14th June 2021.

I am writing to give you advance notice of a change to the calendared Inset Day on Friday 23rd July 2021. This day will no longer be an Inset day and school will be open to all students. **The Inset day will now take place on Monday 14th June 2021.** The reason for this change is to allow the school to prepare itself in line with the government 'Roadmap'. In order for staff and students to be able to get back to operating in a relatively normal way, time is required to prepare the site and classrooms to allow for a smooth transition for all. Furniture will need to be moved, classrooms prepared, equipment and resources re-located and a planned one-way system for students put into place.

We are looking forward to seeing a return to some form of normality here at Airedale Academy. We have been operating in a very different way within school for a very long time. Since the beginning of the pandemic, the school has followed national guidelines to the letter, and as a result, we have seen very low cases of Covid throughout the school and we are very proud of this. However, still keeping in line with national guidelines, we are now able to regain more of a sense of normality for staff and students. Students will be told exactly what to expect in school from Tuesday 15th June and what will be expected of them via assemblies and videos prior to this date. Our younger students will also have the opportunity to walk around school to familiarise themselves with the locations of their timetabled classrooms.

All precautions such as student bubbles, washing / sanitising hands regularly, promoting 'catch it, bin it, kill it' and COVID-19 home testing will continue to stay in place.

As part of our plans, our Risk Assessments will be updated and uploaded to our website. We will of course, continue to monitor the ever changing guidance and modify our plans if the national picture changes. I will continue to update you throughout the coming half term.

COVID-19 home testing

As a reminder again following my letter last week, the government advice remains that students and school staff should continue to conduct lateral flow tests at home on a twice-weekly basis and to report test results via the government's test and trace service. In the event of a positive test, it is vital that you inform school. You must then book a PCR test as soon as possible and contact school with the result.

In the meantime, your continued support is hugely appreciated as we move into the next step of the 'Roadmap'. Further details regarding the changes in school from Tuesday 15th June will be communicated to you before that date.

Yours faithfully



Miss L Proctor
Principal

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