



The Crossley Heath School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I write to confirm that school will re-open in September as planned and we look forward to welcoming your son/daughter back to school.

There have been no material changes to government guidance to schools over the summer. The local restrictions in Calderdale, Kirklees and elsewhere do not affect the guidance to schools in those areas. Therefore, I can confirm that our arrangements for organising the school will go ahead as described in our Parent Guidance document sent to you in July. The only exception, which you may be aware of from the press, is that the government has extended the period required for self-isolation from 7 to 10 days where someone shows symptoms of Covid-19. We have reflected this small change in our Parent Guidance document and I attach a revised copy here. There are no other changes.

Our principle aim is to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19 to our students, staff and families. Our paramount principle is to ensure the health and safety of everyone.

I remind you that your son/daughter received a student guide in July and it would be helpful to read it with your child, particularly children in younger year groups. Of course, we will talk through everything carefully with students at the start of term and support them to get used to the new arrangements.

Copies of the parent and student guides are available on the school website on the 'Covid-19 Re-opening' tab.

PE lessons

I am pleased to confirm that we will be able to offer sports and physical activities next term, mostly outside in the first instance (weather permitting). The PE department have planned indoor and outdoor activities that are safe and practicable under the Covid-19 constraints. PE lessons in the first week will be classroom based so PE staff can fully brief students about arrangements and expectations for PE during next term.

You will receive a further letter from the PE department in September with details of these arrangements.

Returning to school

Friday 4 September: Y12 and Y7 only

Monday 7 September: All year groups

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Please remember, your child will need to bring their personal equipment (pencil case, hand sanitiser if possible) each day. **They will need to bring a packed lunch, drinks and snacks for the first week Sept 7-11. Y7 and Y12 will also need a packed lunch, drinks and snacks for 4 Sept.**

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, we will contact you directly about arrangements for the first week.

PE kit is not required until w/c 14 September.

We appreciate that returning to school after a long period away is potentially worrying for you and your child. Rest assured we have taken every step possible to make sure that we have a safe and comfortable environment for everyone in school. Please reassure your child that we are ready to support them to settle back into school life and to resume their lessons successfully.

We are really looking forward to seeing all our students for the new term. The school is nothing if it is not full of children and we have missed them immensely.

I hope you and your family have managed to have a good break over the summer.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynnette Cassidy".

Lynnette Cassidy