



# FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Headteacher – Ms E Ellis BA, MA

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are staying well and managing in these challenging times. Our students are doing extremely well and coping with the new ways of working; thank you as always for your support and partnership. I am writing to update you on some adjustments we are making to take effect after half term. The reason for these changes is to focus on student progress and move our recovery plan into its next phase.

Firstly, you will be aware that we have been operating a catch up programme in literacy and numeracy for all KS3 students since the start of term. This has been central in our plan to assess learning gaps students may have following the school closure, and identify where we need to intervene and support individuals. The programme is now moving into its second phase; after half term, the catch up sessions will no longer operate for the whole group as drama and music lessons begin, supported by appropriate safety measures. Those students who need extra intervention will be supported in a different way; you will be contacted with full details if that affects your son or daughter.

Secondly, thank you for supporting the **changed timings** for the end of the day, put in place to avoid mixing of year groups as they leave the site. After half term, the timings will change slightly as follows:

**Years 7 & 9 will finish at 2.35pm**

**Years 8 & 10 will finish at 2.40pm**

**Year 11 will finish at 2.45pm, with intervention running until 3.30pm**

**Years 12 & 13 will finish at 3.00pm**

We are trying to keep school as 'normal' as possible so that students feel settled and focused. Thank you for your support with our expectations on uniform, equipment and punctuality. If you have any questions regarding Covid 19 and what you need to do, please check the flowchart on the website:

<http://www.fearnhill.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Coronavirus-flowchart-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>

**Half term** will run from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October and school will be closed. Unless the national situation changes, we will be open as usual on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November; of course I will keep you updated on that.

We are determined to support our community by working effectively in partnership with you, so please contact us if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours faithfully

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