

9 July 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you and your families are well as we head towards the summer. I am writing to you to update you about the end of this term and the new academic year ahead.

We know that the number of COVID cases is rising locally and nationally. We have a significant number of students who are self-isolating, which I know can place significant strain on those individuals and their families. Teachers are asked to upload any lesson materials onto Google Classroom at the end of each day, so that students do not fall behind, but we realise that this is not the same as being in school. Until the end of this term, students who are identified as a contact in school will be required to self-isolate for 10 days. We are required as a school to continue to contact trace until Step 4 of the roadmap (probably 19th July). Responsibility after that date will move to NHS Test and Trace. If you have concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

We are busy planning for September and are looking forward to a greater degree of normality, with 5 lessons per day and all students learning in specialist subject areas. Before the end of this term, Trackers will be sent home, so that parents have a clear overview of their child's progress ahead of the new academic year. Although most restrictions will be lifted, we already know that regular testing will remain in place for all schools and we will share details about this when more information becomes available.

With the new academic year in mind, please see the attached expectations about uniform and equipment. This information has also been shared directly with students; we are determined that everyone makes the most of the opportunity of a new academic year, a fresh start and the resumption of our high standards. More parent information is available on our new website (www.wilsthorpe.ttct.co.uk).

Finally, I wanted to make you aware of some staffing changes. Mrs Parks, who has given 34 years of invaluable service to Wilsthorpe, retires at the end of the academic year. She is replaced by Mrs Tickle, who joins us as Assistant Headteacher in September. Mr Henson is stepping down as Progress Manager but will continue as a valued member of the teaching team at Wilsthorpe, and will be replaced by Ms Leonard. This term finishes on Thursday 22 July, when students will be dismissed at the following times:

- Year 12: 12.00pm
- Year 10: 2.00pm
- Year 9: 2.05pm
- Year 8: 2.10pm
- Year 7: 2.15pm

Kind regards,



Mr D Hobbs
Headteacher