

Dear Griffin Families

What a dull overcast day we have had today – let's hope the sun finds its way back to us all soon.

I hope you received your daughter/ son's report this week and I am sure we have many proud parents/ carers!

I am delighted to write today to let you know our broad plans for September.

- Monday 31st August is a Bank Holiday.
- Tuesday 1st September – will be a CPD Day so that we can make sure our site and staff are all ready for the term and year ahead.
- We have then made the decision not to take a 2nd CPD day and our ambition is to welcome all students from Y1 – Y6 back at Griffin on **Wednesday 2nd September**.
- We also plan for our students currently in Nursery moving to Reception in September to begin on Wednesday 2nd September.
- We will welcome our new Nursery cohort on Thursday 3rd September.

Our overwhelming aim will be to ensure the safety of our students, staff and families.

We will be taking lots of steps to ensure safety from our enhanced cleaning regime to managing movement around the site; from organizing break and lunch arrangements to how we teach certain subjects.

As with the partial opening of our Bubbles this term please rest assured that we will have satisfied the Government reopening specifications and TEFAT guidance before we open.

We aim to work in 'double bubbles' so that students in EYFS, KS1, Y3 & Y4 and Y5 and Y6 can learn, eat and play together. This will give some freedom within our learning model, limit risk and mean we can manage our days logistically. We aim to have all students back for full days every day of the week.

The only change to this will be on Wednesday 2nd September when we may stagger the start time slightly with an aim that all students are in class by 9.30am.

It is likely that double bubbles will use different entrances to arrive and leave by.

We will review the need to continue a slightly staggered start at the start of term.

We will also aim to teach our full curriculum (it will be the **Year of Going Green**) and get back on track with our learning. Some things may not be possible, but we will do our best to make things as 'Griffin' as possible for our students.

Of course, we must add that our return to Griffin with this plan is subject to change.

It is impossible to predict any lockdowns or restrictions that may occur at a local or national level by September. As such we would need to respond to any changes, perhaps at very short notice.

So... please plan for a return on Wednesday 2nd September (or Thursday 3rd September for nursery).

I will then write to you in the last week of the holiday confirming exact start times and sharing any local information that may have come through by then and it will, hopefully, be all systems go!

Please look out for the email over the holiday.

Once more thank you for your continued support and patience and at least it feels like we are 1 step closer to a September at Griffin together.

With much love to you all.

Karen

Karen Bastick-Styles (Executive Head)

