

24 September 2021

Dear Prospective Parent

Open Evening - Wednesday 29 Sept COVID Safety Update

We are really looking forward to meeting many of you at our Open Evening next Wednesday where we get to show 'who we are' to prospective students for next year.

As you know, we are keen to try to deliver a real world, in person event and we have made the decision to run the event live this year but that does mean we have to introduce some pretty tight restrictions given the COVID rates locally.

Particularly those of you who have been before, it is worth noting that it will be different this year and it won't be possible to run the 'family friendly' event that we usually enjoy so much as we are going to have to introduce some COVID-19 safeguards for the evening as follows:

- Only ONE adult per year 6 child please.
- We cannot accommodate whole families at this event.
- Please also note that we are asking people NOT to bring the Year 6 pupil's siblings, as it is crucial to minimise infection risk by reducing numbers of especially young unvaccinated people in the building.
- Masks to be worn where possible.
- Talks will be in the sports hall socially distanced. Seating will be in pairs for one adult and one child.
- Please follow all one-way guidance
- We ask everyone to use our sanitiser on entry and as you go around the building
- Some aspects of our usual presentations will not happen and some will happen on a smaller scale (PE for example will be in the Activity studio)

Although the experience will be limited we still think it important that your year 6 child attends to get at least a brief feel of the place in order to make an informed choice around which school to apply for.

As an Academy we have recently been awarded Microsoft Showcase School status – a rare international accolade which recognises our excellence in online teaching when it was required and how we have worked the use of technology into our vision for education as we get back to normal in school.

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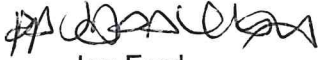
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With a wide and popular extra-curricular offer on a scale that offers individual support and challenge, a strong curriculum and amazing teachers and support staff, we think there are lots of reasons to come and see for yourself who we are.

I look forward to meeting you on Wednesday.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Ford', written in a cursive style.

Jon Ford
Principal