



# Winterton Community Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we formally approach the end of what has been an inordinately strange school year, I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for your support, encouragement and understanding.

It has been our intention throughout this period to constantly review our procedures and adapt to the ever changing demands so as to ensure that our pupils have access to a wide range of learning activities. We have tried where possible to maintain appropriate contact with parents and pupils and by working together, I feel confident that we have been successful in ensuring our young people remain engaged in their education and also, that they have a broad range of more enriching activities. It is certainly a period of their life that they will never forget.

I would like to publically thank the staff within the school for their commitment and support. To everyone who has supported in keeping the school open and operational for some of our pupils, we could not have done this without you.

As we look forward to September, we are completing the appropriate risk assessments and evaluating what changes may need to be made to ensure that our pupils can return as safely and as routinely as possible. We anticipate they will attend full-time and access their full curriculum entitlement. I will however write to you again, shortly before we return with further details and guidelines.

The expectation is that we will be opening as close to 'normal operations' as possible, however, this will require adjustments to be made.

For example:

- We will have a one-way system in place throughout the school.
- We operate in year group bubbles and as such, we will therefore temporarily suspend our vertical tutoring system.
- We will carefully manage our lunchtime service to adhere to restrictions. This will mean that we will not use our finger-print system until further notice and we will require parents to top up their accounts on line.
- We will not serve food during break time and therefore encourage our pupils to bring a snack and a water bottle with them.
- Each year group will have to remain in their designated area during break and lunch.
- Pupils will be seated according to a seating plan and will be taught in rows, facing the front.

We will share further guidelines around other key aspects of school life before we return, however, I would like to take this opportunity to say that full uniform standards will be in place and reinforced. We also expect all students to have all of the relevant equipment with

them. We will not be in a position to loan equipment to pupils and therefore a limited supply of spare equipment will be available to donate as a contingency.

It is our first priority to ensure that the school is a safe environment for everyone, to help ensure that we manage the risks appropriately and keep all members of our wider community as safe as possible.

It is important that all government guidelines relating to CO-VID19 are adhered to and that anyone presenting any symptoms, isolates and takes further advice. If pupils are exposed to anyone with symptoms, we ask that you follow this advice and also that you keep us informed as a school.

I sincerely hope that you have a safe and enjoyable summer despite the obvious challenges and difficulties. We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child back to school in September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mr Rowlands', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr Rowlands  
Headteacher