

OPEN EVENING 2021 – SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER – MOVED TO AN ONLINE EVENT

11 October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I write to you to explain a change to the circumstances and arrangements laid out in the letter that was sent last week pertaining to an early closure on Thursday of this week to help facilitate our Open Evening. It is with deep regret that I have had to take the decision to move our Open Evening this year to become a virtual event rather than one that would happen in person.

Having taken account of both the latest information, and local intelligence, relating to infection rates in the school aged pupil population, and also amongst the age range that covers the majority of secondary school aged pupils' parents, it seems only prudent and sensible to adhere to the guidance released on Friday which states that ***'Schools are required to rigorously assess the risk associated with any events involving substantial numbers of parents attending indoors, with a default expectation that such events will need to be postponed in most instances, particularly if they increase the risk of exposure for teaching staff.'***

This change of circumstance now means that **we will not need to close** to pupils after lunch on Thursday 14/10/2021 and so the pupils **are able** to remain in school and continue their learning in class until the normal end of the school day.

May I thank you in advance for your understanding and for your continued support. I know that we all share a common hope that we will be able to return to a more traditional way of working in the near future, but I think that this guidance reaffirms the need for us to remain in the virtual environment for the foreseeable future.

Yours sincerely

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