

London South East Academies Trust – Message from Dr Sam Parrett OBE

Welcoming our pupils back to school safely in September

It has been several months since we had to close our school sites to most pupils, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. It has been a challenging time but the resilience and commitment of our staff, pupils and parents ensured that teaching and learning continued successfully remotely.

We are extremely proud of how our whole community has supported one another and how our pupils coped with the unprecedented lockdown.

We were delighted to welcome back some year groups in early June, as permitted by the Government. The children were fantastic and very happy to be back in the classroom with their friends and teachers.

As we now approach the end of the summer holidays, I want to update you on our plans for a FULL and SAFE re-opening in September for **all pupils in all year groups**.

We understand that some parents and children may feel anxious about a return to school but our Head of Schools and staff have been working tirelessly to ensure all our sites are Covid-safe and meet all Government guidelines, which we keep under constant review.

In June, HoS Julie Loizou, sent out a letter outlining details of all new procedures now in place to keep students & staff safe, including extra hand sanitising and temperatures being taken on arrival in school. I urge you to refer to that letter and ensure your child is familiar with what to expect on Thursday 3rd September.

Please rest assured that our priority is to ensure our pupils are cared for and reassured, while receiving the high-quality education they deserve.

We will of course keep you updated with our plans going forward, but very much look forward to welcoming all children back into the classroom very soon.

Kind regards

Dr Sam Parrett OBE

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