

## 2. Welcoming

We believe the best approach is to phase the return of pupils in September.

This will allow us to implement what we have learnt from welcoming back pupils in year 10 during the summer term.

- Pupils need a period of adjustment and to be fully inducted into how school routines have changed due to Covid and keeping themselves and others safe
- Pupils need time in small groups or 1:1 meetings to share their experiences, concerns, social, emotional and academic needs
- Pupils need training on digital platforms to support their remote or blended learning (both at school and home learning)
- Staff need time to gather and process this information in order to plan the next steps.
- New Year 7 pupils have missed all the usual summer planned transition activities and many have never yet visited the Hameldon site

To welcome back each year group with a full programme of induction, familiarisation, training and provide them with the welcoming environment to adjust back to school we need the additional staffing capacity to support each year group on their return. This can only be achieved through a phased return.

Therefore, we have prioritised Year 7 and year 11 in the first few days.

The rationale is so that Year 7 can undertake all the transition activities missed from the summer term and settle into their new school. Year 11 due to their proximity to exams and the majority have already experienced a return in the summer term.

This will be followed by Year 9, Year 8 and finally year 10.

As this is a complex time and adjustment, as well as being prepared for further potential national or local lockdowns pupils will also undertake some days of remote learning as part of the phased return. This will also allow us to 'stress test' all our systems and operational procedures in all eventualities.

Phased Re-opening Plan - September 2020										
	Week 1 - A					Week 2 - B				
	8/31/2020	9/1/2020	9/2/2020	9/3/2020	9/4/2020	9/7/2020	9/8/2020	9/9/2020	9/10/2020	9/11/2020
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Year 7		I	Y	W	W	W	R	R	W	W
Year 8	Bank	N				Y	W	W	W	W
Year 9		S			Y	W	W	W	W	W
Year 10	Holiday	E					Y	W	W	W
Year 11		T	JLT Only	Y	W	R	R	W	W	W
Y = Year Group First Day Back										
W = Whole Year Group in School										
R = Remote Learning from Home										
JLT = Junior Leader Team										
Not in school										

## Rhyddings Business & Enterprise School - Returning to school in September

We know that this may appear disruptive in such an important year for your child but this will help us ensure that students in other year groups can be welcomed back safely into school and the new routines which they will have to follow to keep everyone safe following the current Government guidance.

We firmly believe getting the first days right and doing them well will build a firm foundation and have longer term benefits.