



THE WHITSTABLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent and Carers

Re: September reopening plans

Further to the letter we sent to you in July please find below more detailed information about reopening.

- **Return dates and school timings**
 - **Thursday 3 September 2020** - Years 7, 11 and 13 return to school.
 - **Friday 4 September 2020** - Years 7, 11 and 13 attend school. Year 12 induction, times to be confirmed.
 - **Monday 7 September 2020** - All year groups return to school
 - No pupil should be on site prior to 08:15 or after 15:15
 - Dismissal times of pupils are as follows:
 - Year 7 - 14:50
 - Year 8 - 15:00
 - Year 9 - 14:55
 - Year 10 - 15:00
 - Year 11 - 15:10
- **Health and safety arrangements**
 - Separate controlled entry points will be used for each year group - children will be met by staff teams and directed to their entrance points but for your information please see below:
 - **Year 7** - On the first day they will be met by members of the staff team and directed into the sports hall.
From Friday they will be shown their entrance which will be via the Library/Totem pole (blue route) for Lower Global zone.
 - **Year 8** - Conference room entrance for Upper Global zone (green route)
 - **Year 9** - Around the back of the Sports Hall and into the Lower Logic corridor (purple route)
 - **Year 10** - Creative Link pupil entrance and then around Logic to the admin stairwell into Upper Logic (yellow route)
 - **Year 11** - Outer music doors for the Creative building (red route)
 - **Sixth Form** - Cove car park for Cove rooms (black route)
 - To keep our pupils safe whilst queuing to enter the school at the various entrances cars will no longer be permitted on site. Please arrange to drop your child somewhere safe whilst being respectful of our neighbours, maybe use Tesco car park.
 - Those pupils who are driven to school in taxis or have mobility needs will still be able to use the disabled places outside the school. It is important that these spaces are kept clear for this purpose.
 - There will be hand sanitiser available at all entrance points, classrooms and around the school, pupils will be regularly encouraged to wash/clean their hands.
 - We recognise that many students and staff will wish to wear face masks in school and we are fully supportive of this. The guidance on face mask use in schools from the government is likely to change at short notice and we will update our procedures accordingly, notifying parents and pupils of any changes that need to be made.



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- **Bubbles and separation arrangements**
 - Year groups will be kept in bubbles and taught in their own separate areas (zones) of the school for the vast majority of their lessons with the exception of PE and Technology. See the attached maps.

- **Curriculum arrangements**
 - The curriculum will remain broad and balanced. All subjects are timetabled, and pupils will be issued these on their first day back.

- **Behaviour and attendance expectations**
 - Behaviour policy and addendum are available on the school website. In light of the length of absence from normal school, it is recognised that a period of readjustment will be required. Therefore the school has adopted the 4E approach, this will be followed when dealing with behaviour:

Explain - Engage - Encourage - Enforce
 - Attendance is expected as normal, however fines for non-attendance will not be issued in Term 1.
 - Pupils must not come to school if they are displaying symptoms of Covid-19, this should be reported to the school through the absence line.

- **Transport to school**
 - The Department for Transport advises that for journeys to school of two miles or less, which are currently undertaken by public bus, pupils switch to cycling or walking. For children living further away, travel by car may be an option.
 - If your child normally uses public transport we would like to encourage them to walk or cycle to school, where possible. If your child will continue to take public transport then they should follow current government guidelines in relation to face coverings. Pupils should also be encouraged to follow physical distancing when travelling to and from school and wash or sanitise hands before and after travelling.
 - As above cars will not be permitted on site due to safeguarding reasons. Please arrange to drop your child within walking distance and be respectful of our neighbours.

- **Equipment**
 - Sharing of resources is not permitted.
 - In addition to the usual equipment please also provide your child with a glue stick, highlighters and coloured pencils for their personal use. They should also continue to bring: 2 black pens, green pen, 2 pencils, rubber, ruler, calculator, choice card booklet (if they have it) and reading book (Y7/8/9)
 - Lockers are no longer in service, if your child has possessions in lockers please email the site team to empty them via tw_s_lockers@swale.at

- **Uniform**
 - Normal uniform standards are expected. If you have a problem regarding uniform let your PSM know, we can help.
 - For those days where pupils will have PE they should come to school in their PE kit which will be worn all day, see below for the timetabled PE day for each year group:
Year 7 - Monday
Year 8 - Tuesday
Year 9 - Wednesday
Year 10 - Thursday
Year 11 – Friday

- **Restaurant arrangements**
 - We will be operating a grab and go lunch system for each year group and they will eat it in their zone or dedicated outdoor space.
 - There will be no break service during Term 1, this will be reviewed for Term 2.
 - There will be no breakfast service, however the Breakfast Club will be available for those pupils eligible for free school meals and this will be delivered to their hub.
 - Pupils are free to bring in their own packed lunch, drinks and break time snacks.
 - We are liaising with our catering provider to offer a hot meal take-away service from Term 2.

- **Visitors to site**
 - Parents and visitors will not be permitted on site unless an appointment has been arranged by the school.
 - If you have any concerns please contact the staff member via email or contact reception, but be aware that you will not receive an immediate response due to teaching commitments.
 - Reception has been rearranged to allow for social distancing, please comply with the guidelines which are clearly displayed on the door and on the reception desk.

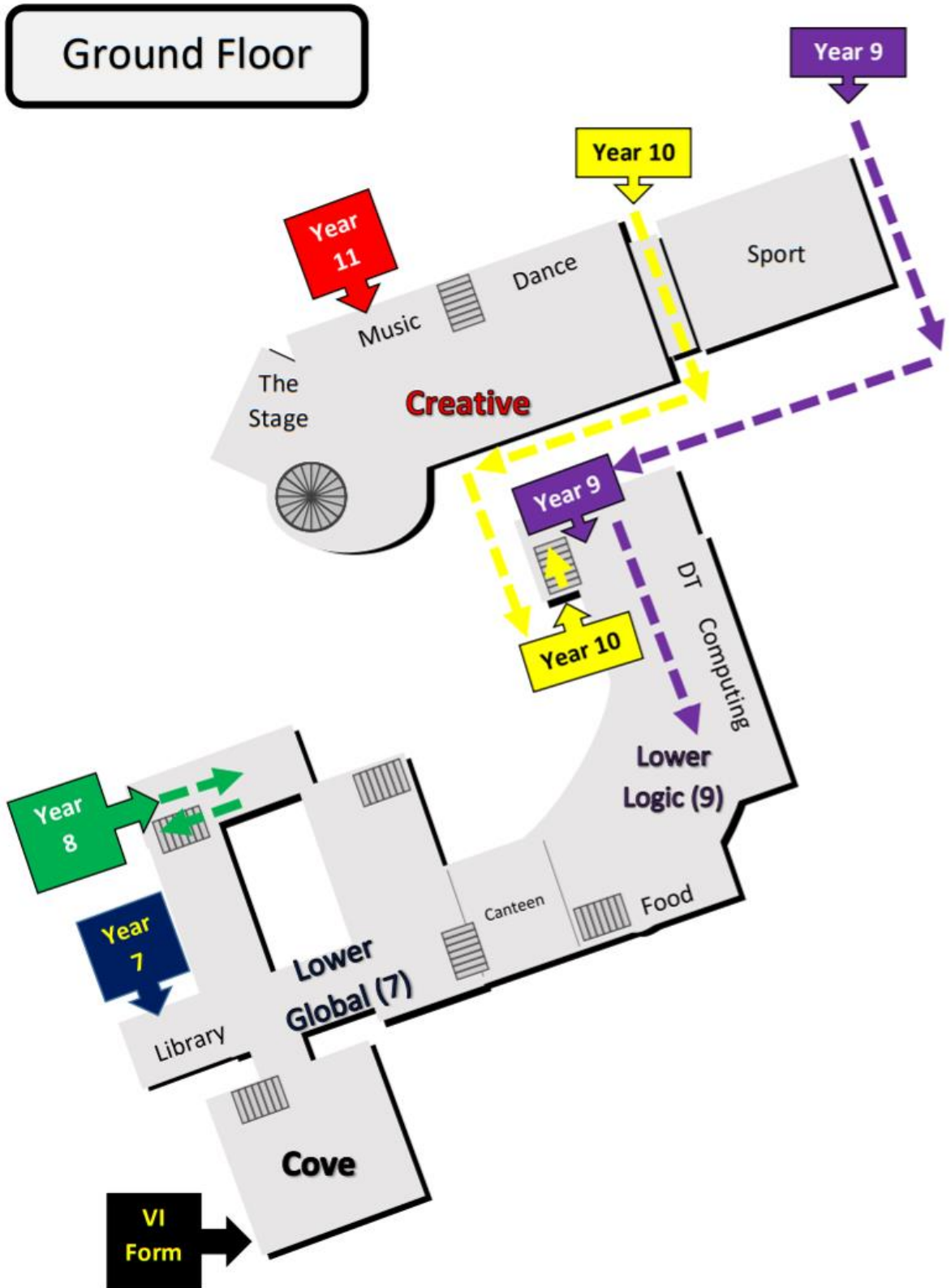
If you have any questions please contact the school via **tw_s_admin@swale.at**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.M. Gibson', written in a cursive style.

Mrs AM Gibson
Headteacher

School Entrance Maps



First Floor

