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21 July 2020

Coronavirus Risk Assessment

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find enclosed a copy of our risk assessment that outlines the control measures that we are putting in place for September. A copy of this is also available on our website.

The risk assessment is a working document and we will be constantly updating it as we receive new guidance from the government and as we adapt to this new way of operating. As stated previously, no part of this alone will provide 100% safety and the control measures should be viewed as a whole. The focus from the DfE has now shifted from simply reducing the risk of catching the virus to containing any outbreaks and making sure that test and trace procedures work effectively.

While I want to reassure you that we will do everything possible to keep staff and students safe, I need to be open with you about the difficulties of managing the risks in a special school like Seven Hills. There are no guarantees of safety. Many of our students are unable to socially distance and may touch staff and other students at any time. The geography of school makes it very difficult to keep groups of students entirely separate from each other. However, we have organised school into 'bubbles' that can operate separately from others for most of the time and we have timed movements around school so that there is less chance of them coming into close contact with others.

As you will be aware, the current picture with regard to Covid-19 is an improving one and the government considers it to now be at a level where it is safe to welcome all students back to school. We hope that this trend continues and that we will be able to operate normally again in the near future.

I hope you find the measures we have put in place reasonable and proportionate. If you have any questions about the risk assessment or you would like to speak to someone about your child's return, please do not hesitate to contact school. Despite the difficulties facing us, we are really looking forward to seeing all our students again in September.

Yours sincerely,

Clive Rockliff
Headteacher

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