



Dear Parents/Carers

Monday 6th July 2020

I am writing to you today following the Government's announcement in regards to September re-openings.

As we move towards the last few weeks of term, I write to assure you that we have already begun to think about what the next academic year will look like at Goodwin Academy and how your child can return safely in September.

Whilst we are excited and looking forward to welcoming back all our students, we need to plan how to do this safely for everyone in our community. As you can imagine the Government's guidance is very complex, so I hope you will understand that we are unable to release any immediate plans on how we can deliver this ambition or have the answers to the many questions I am sure you must all have.

Across the next two weeks we will be working with our Trust to unpick the guidance and plan how we prepare for re-opening in September. Once these plans have been confirmed we will share them with you.

As we come to the end of this lockdown period, I want to take this opportunity to thank all our staff and the local community for the way they have rallied together, allowing us to support our families, vulnerable students and key worker children. I also want to thank our students who have not been able to return but have been engaging in home learning and supporting us from afar.

A big welcome to all of our new Year 7 students who will be joining us this September, I am sure you are excited to be starting at Goodwin Academy. It is completely understandable if you are feeling any anxiety about starting a new school during this time. I remind you of our transition page on our website that holds key information <https://www.goodwinacademy.org.uk/our-school/welcome-to-goodwin-academy/>.

I would respectfully ask that during this time you do not email our office with questions regarding the September opening - I will commit to providing regular feedback as our plans develop. This will keep our channels free for supporting our current families.

Many thanks for your patience and understanding at this time.

Yours faithfully

Simon Smith

Principal