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Dear Parents and Carers,

Update: Plan for full opening.

Following my last letter, this week staff have met to discuss how we will approach full opening. If the Government announce on the 22nd Feb that schools will reopen from 8th March our plan includes the following:

- Thursday 25th Feb: Parent/pupil remote Q&A sessions will be offered to all.
- Monday 8th March: The centre will be closed for lessons. Face to face parent/pupil meetings will be held at the centre for all pupils currently not attending. Appointments will be made when we have confirmation of the return to school date. Those pupils already attending will be provided with home learning on that day.
- Tuesday 9th March – Friday 19th March: Recovery timetable in place which will be from 1000-1345 with a condensed timetable. (Timetables will be sent out following confirmation of the date for return.) Remote live lessons will stop and pupils who normally attend the centre will be expected to attend.
- Monday 22nd March: Full timetable starts. (0915-1500)

During the week of the 22nd February, I will send a letter out in response to the expected announcement and set out, in that letter, details of the Q&A sessions as well as the outline timetables for each year group. Those parents whose child is not currently attending the centre will be contacted regarding an appointment for a face to face meeting with a member of staff to discuss transition.

INSET Wednesday 3rd March 2021

The Drapers centre will be closed from **1245 on Wednesday 3rd March** for staff training. Pupils attending the centre will have their transport rearranged and remote live lessons will finish at 1230. Work will be provided for the afternoon.

Feedback on parent survey.

Thank you very much for all of you who took time to complete our parent survey. There were some issues raised regarding communication, which we will work hard to improve upon. The overall results were very informative and largely pleasing. Any parents who had comments that needed addressing



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have either been contacted individually, or they are already in regular communication with a member of staff. An interesting observation made as a result of the survey was that it was thought that STARS was a provision commissioned by CAMHS. Although we work very closely with CAMHS, for the benefit of our pupils, we are an education provision solely maintained by the local authority and STARS is not commissioned by CAMHS. We do not offer medical therapies to address mental health diagnoses and we do not employ medical professionals. Like any specialist setting we commission therapies to support access to education and reintegration, such as Occupational Therapy, through the local authority.

Do you or your child need support or advice?

Off the Record (London Borough of Sutton's commissioned counselling provider) is an excellent local resource offering support and information to parents and young people. They have a programme of events over the half term week and you may find something on offer of interest.

<https://www.talkofftherecord.org/>

The Young Minds website also has some useful resources for parents and children:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

I hope you all have a good week:

Remember to take time for yourself
Share the load
Find even a few minutes each day for exercise
Set a routine
Find time to switch off
Stay connected

Yours sincerely,

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