



Catshill Middle School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Parent/Carer UPDATE - July 2020

I hope this letter finds you safe and well in these challenging and extraordinary times. As you are aware, the government has published new guidance for schools relating to the new academic year (2020-2021).

We have decided to put together a **provisional** Catshill Middle School plan that can help families with planning for the new year. Updates will be placed on the school website in the Letters to Parents section. These updates are likely to be published during the school holidays. We will send text messages to alert you if a new letter has been published. <https://www.catshill-middle.worcs.sch.uk/parental-information/letters-to-parents>

Regrettably, we are not able to have our normal transition day (for all pupils) on 13th July 2020. We will be having a full and proper induction day for our **new pupils** at the start of the Autumn Term. This will ensure that they have a gradual transition to Middle School and can get used to their new surroundings without other pupils being in the building.

The start to the Autumn Term will be a difficult one for lots of pupils as they return to school and we will be managing that process carefully as all year groups return.

SEPTEMBER PLAN - TIMELINE FOR CATSHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

(Subject to change by the DFE, Worcestershire Children First or Catshill Middle School)

Wednesday 2nd September 2020 - Transition day for new year 5 pupils and other new starters. (School will only be open to **new pupils**).

Thursday 3rd September 2020 - **ALL YEAR** groups return to school. Pupils will be in a single classroom with their new class teacher. The children will follow a supportive programme designed by their teacher. This should help the children to start their journey back to normality.

Friday 4th September 2020 - **ALL YEAR** groups start following the new 2020-2021 timetable. (Classrooms may be different to reduce movement and contact - details will be sent to you in a parent update).

There are likely to be other changes to the normal school day but we will be aiming to keep these to a minimum where possible. We look forward to seeing pupils in **school uniform** from September. We understand there could be delays with some items so don't worry if you are missing the odd item for the first few weeks.

School will begin at the normal time (8.45am) but there will be staggered end of day times and we will be using both sets of gates on the playground. In addition, there is a new one way system in school. These measures (along with others) will help us to minimise contact between different groups of people during the school day. We will communicate specific details for each year/class in due course and also provide you with a detailed breakdown of what your child can expect on their return.

Thank you for your understanding, this is not how we would have wanted to start the school year. We will do all we can to ensure a smooth start to 2020-2021.

I hope you enjoy reading your child's end of year report. If you have any feedback or questions please email the school office (office@catshill-middle.worcs.sch.uk).



In advance of our return could we ask you to prepare as a parent by downloading/updating the epraise app for Android/IOS. This will be our communication tool for school to home as we move forward from September.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Thompson'.

Mr J Thompson
Head of School