

Friday 12 February 2021

3 Days for everyone

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of a fully blended term here at GRW. The pupils have coped very well with the regular testing in school and the online provision at home. We have certainly been impressed with the resilience of those pupils who have managed to keep up their attendance, engagement and still make progress through this time. However, we know the benefit of physical school cannot be replicated through a computer, so we are making some positive changes for our next half term.

Next week is the half term holiday, followed by an INSET day. So school will return on **Tuesday February 23rd**. From this point forward, we have altered our timetable so all pupils will have access to 3 physical days in school each week.

Due to the success of the test centre, our busier skills days on Thursday and the responsible behaviour of the pupils, we feel we can safely cater for two thirds of our pupils on site at any one time. This means during the more academic first half of our week, 2 groups will now be in school at once. Thursdays and Fridays will remain unchanged except for the addition of an online GCSE Drop-in clinic for our Year 11s at 12.30pm on a Thursday. The physical day will still have the earlier finish time of 1.30pm. This is mainly because this is our time dedicated to sport and physical exercise and we still do not have access to any facilities or public spaces at this time. (We would encourage pupils to take daily exercise in their household groups at this time).

I have attached a timetable to reflect these changes. This will also be posted in the [Pupil/Parent](#) area of our website. It is important for our pupils to have the time to get ready for each change (pupils are aware of these plans). So please do talk about this slight change with them and let us know if you have any questions or concerns. It is also important to be consistent, so I foresee this timetable running for the full 6 weeks up until the Easter holidays.

We are pleased things are moving in the right direction and we are able to see all of our pupils for more time every week. We will make all transport arrangements as usual. Until next half-term, please try and enjoy the break, stay safe and stay warm!

Kind regards,



Richard Allen
Head of School

ps. Date for your diaries...our next online Coffee Corner is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16th 2-3pm. The focus this time is on 'well-being'.