

13th January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Changes to sites within the Voyage Learning Campus

I am writing on behalf of our Management Committee (Governing Body) to explain changes to the Voyage Learning Campus that will come in to effect from the start of Term 4 (Monday 24 February 2020).

Following detailed discussions with staff, trade unions and the local authority, we have made the decision to close our site at Nailsea and to base all aspects of our provision at our two Weston-Super-Mare sites in Oldmixon and Milton (addresses below for information). This will allow for closer working between staff across the school, which will have a positive impact on the curriculum and teaching for all students, as well as being a more cost effective structure.

This new structure will mean changes for our Year 7 and Year 8 students attending the Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) at Nailsea and the students who access our Medical Tuition provision on site. Details of the changes are:

- Medical Tuition will be based at our Milton site
- Our PRU for Years 1 to 7 will also be based at Milton (this will be known as Phase 1)
- Our Oldmixon site will expand to be the PRU for students from Years 8 to 11 (this will be known as Phase 2).

The Milton site is a generous size and the two aspects of our provision (Medical Tuition and PRU) will operate separately from each other, with dedicated areas and classrooms for each.

The Oldmixon site is also a generous size and more than able to accommodate the additional students in Year 8. The move will bring staff together, as well as students, and means that the students will be able to access specialist teaching in all areas of the curriculum we deliver.

I understand that this decision may well be unsettling for some of our students; I would like to reassure you that we will support all of our young people through this change. For the Year 7 and Year 8 PRU students we have planned some 'transition days' on the following dates:

- Thursday 30 January
- Wednesday 5 February
- Wednesday 12 February

Students will be transported from home on these days to their new sites. The transition days will be an opportunity for students to visit their new site, meet staff and develop an understanding of what will be expected of them.

Individual discussions and support will be provided for students within Medical Tuition to support them with the move. Please do not hesitate to contact centre staff if you have any questions.

Home to School Transport will continue to be provided for students under the same arrangements currently in place. If there are any likely individual changes we will be in touch to discuss this with you.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards



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