



Thursday 7th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following my letter yesterday, I wanted to provide you with further details about the education provision Year 11 will be receiving next week.

What arrangements will look like for Year 11 students

We appreciate Year 11 students have a year of preparation for their final examinations, so we have made the decision to prioritise the time they will spend in face-to-face education. We are pleased to be able to offer a full curriculum offer to Year 11 students from Monday 11th September. There may need to be some adjustments in the way we run some of the more specialist courses such as Food, Drama and Music, but we are working through issues with Curriculum Leaders to ensure we can deliver all qualifications that students have started.

The team of staff at school and external contractors have moved mountains to ensure that school will open to students again on Monday. I could not be prouder of the work they have undertaken. However, I must stress that the school will look a very different place for students when they return. Many routines they are used to will be changed and my team will need some time working with students on Monday to ensure that we keep them in parts of the building that DFE and surveyors have deemed still accessible. This includes things such as student movement around the site, rooms students will access for lessons and dining facilities. Please be assured the safety of staff and students continues to be of primary importance as we manage this situation. We have undertaken a full risk assessment with North Yorkshire Council and are confident that the school is safe to function with students on site. At no point will students be allowed near any areas affected by RAAC.

Monday Morning

On Monday 11th September I will welcome students back to site in the school sports hall. I will talk to them about the year ahead and some of the new routines they are going to experience. A lot of time over the next few weeks will be spent reassuring students and yourselves that my team will do everything we can to ensure they will leave Scalby with the educational experience and qualifications they deserve.

Students will be based in a specific section of the school unaffected by concrete issues. They will move between classrooms in this area, but staff members will come to the classroom, similar to during the pandemic. Students will still be able to access dining facilities which will move to our school gym and an adjoining marquee that we have had erected this week.

I appreciate there will be a lot of uncertainty around these proposals, but I hope you understand the complexities of the issues we are facing and the speed with which we are trying to react to get our students back into education.

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I am confident the offer we can put in place for Year 11 students will be in line with what they deserve. Thanks in advance for your continued understanding.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Chris Robertson

Headteacher