

Our Ref: SST/HBr

Friday 10th July 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

RE: BASC Provision

I am writing to inform you that the school's BASC provision will be suspended for the autumn term (September to December 2020). Following the Department of Education's most up-to-date guidance detailing how schools should open come September 2020 we are hugely restricted by a bubbling effect. In other words, pupils in any one given year group are expected to be kept within a year group bubble and should not come into contact with another bubble. The guidance all schools have been issued with is that one bubble should not contaminate the other. With this in mind we have looked at and agonised over how the BASC could or could not run. Regrettably we are going to have to suspend this offer. I appreciate and understand fully that this could have implications for parents. I cannot apologise enough that we have had to take this extremely difficult decision. Should there be an update or change to the DFE guidance in due course and/or before the end of 2020 that allows more freedom in and around the bubbling effect then we will absolutely look at this and how we can feasibly make the BASC provision work. All of our decisions during this entire crisis have been guided by Department of Education guidance, with health and safety at the heart of all that we do.

I do thank you in anticipation of your support and understanding regarding this extremely difficult decision.

Yours faithfully,

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