



Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your patience over the past few days. I wanted to update you on the work we have been doing so far and the plan for students moving back into education from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Over the past few days, I have been overwhelmed by the effort, creativity and resilience shown by the team of staff at Scalby School, and the Coast and Vale Trust staff who have been supporting us. Special mention also should be made to the number of contractors who have dropped other commitments and reorganised schedules to be on site to begin the work to allow us to get all 1000 students back in to face to face education.

I spoke to the staff this morning about the situation we are facing and asked that as a team we need to support each other and our students when they return to school. I would also ask that you as parents extend that support and understanding to the staff, equally we will extend that support back to you and will do everything we can over the coming weeks to mitigate any anxieties and concerns you have. It has been lovely to receive a number of supportive messages from parents this week. One way you could support with this is by restricting comments that you post on social media sites relating to the school to a minimum. I will communicate information to you regularly when I am able to do so. This will be information based on what we are dealing with on a daily basis and will be factual.

As I write this, we have lost 17 classrooms, several support rooms and dining hall facilities, although thankfully the kitchen area is still able to function. This has a huge impact on what can be delivered on site in the short term. Over the next few weeks, a number of the rooms will be returned to action once work has been completed on them. Yesterday we placed an order for temporary classrooms which will arrive over the next few weeks. It is difficult at the moment to provide timeframes for this, but as soon as I know these, I will communicate this with you.

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Next week we will be in a position to get all students back into some form of face-to-face education. However, for three year groups this will be a combination of face-to face learning on site and home learning. The plan for each year group is as follows:

Year Group	Provision
11	Full curriculum delivery face to face
10	Twelve hours of face to face education plus online education for students
9	Nine hours of face to face education plus online education for students
8	Nine hours of face to face education plus online education for students
7	Full time education face to face – There will be some adjusted elements to students curriculum in the short term.

The return of students next week will be staggered to allow us to implement new systems and procedures effectively.

Tomorrow I will write to you with more detail about what arrangements will look like for each year group next week, including information relating to days and time students are expected to attend face to face education. I am unable to do that now as we are still in the process of working through timetabling, staffing and logistical issues.

I hope you will appreciate the extent of the work that is being undertaken to restore face to face education at Scalby. I must reiterate that the school have at all times acted within the guidance provided to us by the DFE relating to RAAC. As a result, the actions we are taking are a response to the difficult situation we have been faced with following the change in government guidance.

Thank you for your continued understanding on this matter, further information will be communicated tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Robertson  
Headteacher