



9th September 2020

Dear Parents,

We have been receiving a number of requests enquiring about our plans for parents and pupils to visit Sheldon ahead of choosing their secondary school for a September 2021 start.

The traditional format of an open evening with regular tours of the school at other times has had to be rethought, given the current climate we are living and working in, but we do understand completely that seeing the school is a big part of what is an extremely important decision.

I am writing to let parents know that we will be doing the following at Sheldon:

- Conducting tours lasting one hour for one household between 9am and 10am. In these tours, you will be able to see the school in session and pass by classrooms with lessons going on. In order to enable as many families who want to do this as possible, we will have different starting points around the site and follow our newly introduced one-way system; tours will be led by a member of the senior management team or one of our middle leaders and will run from the week beginning 21st September until Thursday 22nd October.
- Conducting tours lasting one hour for one household at a time between 4:30pm and 6:30pm. These will be the same as those running between 9am and 10am, but without the ability to see classes in session. The tours during the school day are taking place when there is less movement around the school, but we know that some families will prefer an option when they will not encounter others, hence offering this too.
- Offering a virtual parents' evening on Thursday 24th September at 6:30pm. In this, I will give a shorter-than-usual presentation, followed by a question-and-answer session in which I will pick up some key themes that have been raised by parents and pupils.

If this would be of interest to you, please use our dedicated email address of visit@sheldonschool.co.uk and my PA, Mrs Akinbobola, will coordinate everything. If you have greater flexibility and there are several dates or times when you could visit, that would be very helpful, but please outline what times you would prefer and we will do our best to accommodate them. It is important that if you wish to attend the virtual parents' evening on 24th September, we have an email address so that we can set you up for the event on Microsoft Teams.

For those of you who haven't seen, we have also produced short videos introducing everyone to the school which can be found by visiting the very front page of our website at www.sheldonschool.co.uk; these will hopefully also give you a good flavour of what we have on offer here.

I hope that this revised programme will be useful and informative for you and I look forward to meeting you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

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