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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well in these unusual times.

I am writing to explain John Willmott School's process of administering GCSE results for 2020. Results day this year will be taking place on Thursday 20 August 2020.

I am sure that you can appreciate that there will be some changes with the organisation of results day this year to ensure that we are adhering to effective social distancing and protective measures to keep all of our students and staff safe during this unprecedented time. These results represent a great deal of hard work and preparation and as such it is a shame that the school cannot put in place procedures that have been used in previous years.

In the first instance, the GCSE results will be **emailed to your child's John Willmott School email account** by 9:00am on Thursday 20 August. This will mean that your child has access to the results without the need to travel to our site which we understand could mean taking public transport. This gives students an opportunity to see results as early as possible in the safest possible manner for all. If your child has forgotten the password to access their email account, please email results2020@jws.bham.sch.uk by 4:00pm on Monday 17 August for a reset email to be sent.

If this option is not preferred by your child, there is an opportunity for the results to be collected in person from the school site. However, we will have to control this very carefully and have put in place a number of key protective measures. We apologise for the structured way in which this is communicated to you, but we have to be sure that our school remains safe and secure. There will not be an opportunity for 'group photographs' this year in the school hall, for reasons of social distancing I am sure you will appreciate this.

From 9:30am, results can be collected from the school hall. The gate will not be opened until 9:30am.

- Students can come down the main path, but please remain on the two metre marker posts until you reach the front of school.
- Hand sanitizer is to be used from a dispenser at our front door.
- When instructed students will be directed to the hall to collect their GCSE results, envelopes will be clearly labelled and Staff will be on hand to direct them to an appropriate table. Results envelopes will be carefully prepared and laid out for students to collect their own results.
- Students will leave the hall by the technology doors after collecting results. Signs on the floor will show students the direction of travel.

Unfortunately, we will only be allowing students to come into school to collect their results. This is to ensure that we keep people in the building to a minimum. If there are extenuating circumstances why you need to accompany your child, please email results2020@jws.bham.sch.uk before 17 August and this will be considered. Parents must remain at a safe place outside the school grounds if they are transporting students to school and must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Your child can empty their locker on this day if they are collecting results.

If your child does not access the results emailed at 9:00am and would rather not come into school on the designated day, results will be posted home on the afternoon of Thursday 20 August.

Please also note that given the circumstances, this day will not be an opportunity for parents and students to appeal the GCSE results. We will be operating on limited key staffing to support the administration of the results. We will provide Ofqual guidance in the results envelope that you can refer to. If you have specific queries regarding individual subject grades, these should be sent to results2020@jws.bham.sch.uk. **Please do not contact individual subject staff**, who due to the process this year are unable to respond to queries relating to individual results.

We appreciate that this is a very anxious time for you all in these difficult times. Students will still be able to contact us for specific support and guidance on next steps and destinations. For GCSE students who have queries relating to studying A levels and vocational subjects at John Willmott School, please contact the Sixth Form Head of Year, Mrs Sharp at a.sharp@jws.bham.sch.uk.

If students require any other support such as guidance with college courses, please contact our Careers Advisor, Mr Noakes on j.noakes@jws.bham.sch.uk once term has started on 1 September 2020.

We wish you all a very pleasant Summer break and thank you, as ever, for your understanding and cooperation at this time.

Yours faithfully

Mrs T Peters
Headteacher