

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your families are well and coping during these challenging circumstances.

Please can I apologise for this lengthy letter, but it is essential that all information is completely clear.

You will be aware that the Government has announced the re-opening of schools in England in line with their Covid-19 recovery strategy. The main focus of re-opening has been on Primary Schools but over the weekend, the Government announced that Secondary schools should increase the amount of 'face to face' support for Year 10 and Year 12 students from 15th June. This was confirmed in the Prime Minister's statement yesterday.

As a school we have been considering how best to safely do this and remain in ongoing consultation with parents, staff and trade union colleagues. I want to reassure you that our plans to reopen on 15th June are being drafted based on the best available advice and after careful consideration of our ability to provide as safe an environment as possible for both students and staff.

Our ongoing provision for our vulnerable children and those of key workers will continue unaffected.

I am now in a position to outline our intended plans for when school re-opens to our Year 10 pupils. Year 12 will be contacted separately by Mr Pateman.

- Year 10 students will have **one 2-hour session per week in school**. This may be morning or afternoon and sessions will have staggered start and finish times to minimise student contact.
- Year 10 students will also be offered additional individual careers interviews with Miss Hodge throughout this period.
- Upon entry to school students will be directed to wash their hands and given clear instructions around 'social distancing'. They will also be asked a series of questions to determine any possible likelihood of Covid-19 infection. There will be a limited route for students to follow around school with clear signage and direction from staff.
- There will be hand sanitizer available in classrooms and students will also be asked to use this as they leave the school at the end of their session.
- There will be class sizes of **10 students** which will be the same group of students with the same member of staff at each session to maintain 'social bubbles'. (A 'social bubble' is a small defined group of people designed to limit the amount of contact with others.)
- Students will be issued with materials in school which will stay in school for weekly use. There will be no sharing of resources or equipment. Students will be required only to bring their own pen into school.
- There will be no breaks, canteen facilities or social time in school. Students may bring their own water bottles into school. We will be adhering to advice and refraining from using our air conditioning units.
- Students should not expect a "normal" school experience. Staff supporting the students will mentor and support their work and we will focus on the core subjects and study skills. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions about their home learning and staff will support the students' general well-being.
- Students must adhere to 2m social distancing rules on their way to and from school and must not congregate outside of the school.

- It is essential that the students arrive **on time** for their sessions. Students should not be early in order to minimise student contact.

If you are a Parent/Carer of a Year 10 or Year 12 student, in order for us to plan for the new learning arrangements fully, I would be grateful if you would complete the survey below by Friday 5th June. Soon after you will receive a further letter with more detailed instructions about exactly when your child will be able to return to school.

[Y10 Parent Survey](#)

Year 7-9 Students

Staff will continue to set work for our students in Year 7-9 through 'Show My Homework'. If you would like to request a pack of paper resources, please contact your child's APPL via the Year group email addresses we have set up. All families of Year 7-9 students can expect a phone call from their mentors early next half term also, to enquire after their general well-being.

We know that this is a worrying time for us all, and Government guidance is changing frequently. We will keep you informed of any changes which affect our proposed plans. Year 10 parents will receive further information shortly detailing when exactly their child can attend school.

Thank you for all of your ongoing support; I am sure that you will recognise that we are doing our best to provide a safe phased return to school for our students and also trying to provide an appropriate home learning experience. Can I also take a moment more to thank those of you who have sent messages of support and thanks and also those of you who have offered us useful comments on how we might improve the way we are facing these challenges.

Yours faithfully

Ms H T Lawrence