



20th May 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

Guidance for Parents/Carers of students in Years 10 and 12

Following our letter dated 13th May, we are continuing to work through the guidance issued by the Government in terms of the partial re-opening of schools from the 1st June. As we write, we are still awaiting detailed advice for secondary schools and until this is received we are unable to finalise our plans.

So far, our interpretation of the guidance has enabled us to focus our work around three key areas, namely, the continued provision for key worker children, some face to face contact for Year 10 students, as well as those students in Year 12. Hopefully, once the guidance is published we will have a clearer idea of what we need to plan for, but what we are focused upon, is ensuring that our offer is meaningful for the students and above all else, capable of being delivered safely for everyone involved.

It is important to point out that this is not a return to normal schooling as we have stringent safety measures to adhere to and we also need to balance provision in school, with continuation of high quality remote learning for all of our students.

As we have said before, our priority is the safety of our students and staff and we are currently working through detailed, stringent risk assessments and putting together a range of protective measures, to ensure that we can deliver our plans in a safe and controlled way. Our measures are aimed at creating distinct 'bubbles' of individual students to reduce the social mixing, and creating zones within the school in which each 'bubble' can operate within, to minimise contact with other groups. We have already increased our cleaning regime, and this will continue with a bespoke day each week where we have a deep clean, before we bring new groups of students into school. We will implement staggered lunch and break times and increase our hygiene stations around school, with regular visual and verbal reminders to our students regarding hand washing and social distancing.

By adopting these measures and following the risk assessments, we are seeking to reduce the risks for all concerned to the absolute minimum. Clearly, nothing is without risk but we hope by outlining our approach, you are able to be reassured that we are doing all we can to minimise the risks involved, following all the latest scientific and Government advice.

We appreciate that as parents you may have concerns regarding the plans for your child to attend school and so we are enclosing a link to [guidance for parents](#) produced by the Government, which may help to answer some of your questions.

To enable us to quantify the number of students who would engage in attending school for some face to face contact with teachers, please could we ask you to complete the relevant survey link below. Your answers will help us to shape our provision safely and effectively.

[Year 10 Student Face to Face Contact Survey](#) - Please reply by 9am on 26th May

[Year 12 Student Face to Face Contact Survey](#) - Please reply by 9am on 26th May.

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Once we have this information, individual guidance will be sent to students, inviting them in to school and providing all the necessary safety information they need to follow. To enable us to control numbers within school, it is important that students do not arrive at school unless they have been specifically advised to do so.

Also, in order to safeguard our staff and student community, it is essential that students and anyone they live with, strictly observe the Government guidance around self-isolating if they, or anyone within the household, experiences any of the Covid 19 symptoms as [outlined here](#). Students must not come into school if they or members of their household are experiencing any of the symptoms.

Regardless of any plans, the partial re-opening is contingent upon meeting the 'five key tests' which the Government have outlined and the final assessment on whether we can continue with this course of action will be made by the Government on 28th May. Things potentially could change at this point, but until then, we will continue to plan and look forward to welcoming some of our students back into school.

Kind regards

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