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Dear Parents/Carers

Further to our recent communication following the face to face support we are planning for Year 10 and 12, we would just like to clarify answers to a few commonly asked questions which have come up so far.

Q. I have missed the deadline to complete the Form for my child to attend. Can my child still attend?

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept responses after the deadline date requested. Government guidance means we can only accept very limited numbers of students in school at any one time and the planning and logistics of bringing in groups of students is incredibly complex. We have created a number of zones across school and students are allocated into 'bubbles' to limit social interaction. This planning and allocation has to begin as soon as the deadline has passed to ensure that we have all the safety measures in place. Clearly we would like all students to be able to attend but sadly, at the moment this is just not possible.

The link to the Form will expire after the deadline date and time has passed and you will be unable to submit further details.

Q. I missed a slot, will my child get another chance to attend school?

We are planning numerous sessions across a variety of subjects for the next 6 weeks and so hopefully, all students in Years 10 and 12 will get the opportunity to attend at least one session before the end of the summer term. This assumes that nothing changes with the Government guidance which means we have to amend our approach.

Q. Will face coverings/masks be needed on the school bus?

Yes, face coverings will be needed for all students travelling on the school bus.

Q. My child's friend has received an invite for a subject and my child hasn't. Why is this?

We have a key focus group of either Year 10 or 12 students for each day. Once we have the numbers planning to attend on this day we are able to allocate any spare spaces to other subjects. This is dependent on teaching staff available, other subjects studied by students, where they are on the timetable and which half of the year group they are in. We are trying to spread our additional slots across a range of subjects and students to make it equitable. This does mean that not all members of one class may come in at the same time.

Q. What are your detailed plans for social distancing around school?

We have done a significant amount of work and staff training to put in place a range of measures to ensure we adhere to Government guidance and social distancing requirements:

- The school has been split into 10 zones and the students will be arranged in 'bubbles' and will be required to stay within their zone. Each zone has allocated a specific entrance, catering facility, outdoor space and toilets, to minimise contact between groups throughout the day.

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- All the classrooms and corridors have been marked out to allocate student places which allow for a 2m distance between individuals. Each classroom has been given a maximum occupancy level.
- Each zone has access to hand washing facilities, tissues, antibacterial wipes and hand sanitiser. Regular emphasis will be placed on hand washing throughout the day.
- Our cleaning regime has been enhanced and we have a deep clean day every Wednesday.
- Students are issued with detailed joining instructions before they attend a session which tells them exactly which zone of the school they are able to access. Please have a look at these with your child to fully understand the measures we have in place.

We hope the above helps to clarify a few of the most common questions. A copy of this will be placed on our website on the Covid 19 / Resources for Parents page and we will update it with further questions as they arise: www.bentonpark.org.uk/updates-for-parents/68342.html

Kind Regards

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