



3rd June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 12 Support

I hope you and your family enjoyed the half term break.

As we outlined in our update on 27th May 2020, we have been carefully working through the Government guidance, putting together detailed plans and risk assessments, to ensure we can safely welcome back students for some face-to-face provision from week commencing 15th June. We are pleased to advise that we are now in a position to share these with you, and hopefully provide you with reassurance that all appropriate safety measures are being taken to keep our staff and students as safe as we possibly can.

The current guidelines state that we can offer some form of face to face support for a quarter of students in Years 10 and 12 at any one time, and to facilitate this safely, we are planning to offer provision to limited numbers of Year 12 students, primarily on Monday and Tuesday of each week starting on 15th June. Students will be invited in on a week by week basis and over the course of the five weeks available, it is the intention that students will have up to two days of intensive teaching for each of the subjects that they study. Sadly, this is not a return to a full timetable but hopefully it will support our students to make the most of the remote learning which will continue to be provided for them.

What safety measures do we have in place?

- To effectively balance the support across both Years 10 and 12, Thursday and Friday of each week will be assigned to students in Year 10 and every Wednesday we will carry out a deep clean of all areas of the school to reduce any cross contamination risks. In addition, our cleaning regime has been strengthened throughout the day, with a particular focus on touch surfaces, along with provision of appropriate sanitising stations across school.
- To deliver the teaching in a safe way which minimises risk and allows social distancing in and around the school there will be constraints in how students move around the school. Areas of the school will be 'zoned' and students will need to stay within their allocated areas throughout the school day. Specific instructions will be provided to the students ahead of their attendance at school.
- All of our classrooms have been rearranged to ensure that social distancing guidelines can be adhered to.
- Breaks and lunchtimes will be staggered with students allocated areas in which to have their rest times. All students must remain on site at break and lunch times.
- Break and lunch time cold food options are available to pre-order which will be freshly made and delivered to your child's specific zone. It will be charged automatically to your child's lunch account ensuring they don't have to visit the dining hall or touch any of the till points.

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- Students will be asked to wash or sanitise their hands on arrival and be reminded to frequently wash their hands throughout the school day and before they leave.
- It is essential that if any student, or member of their household is experiencing symptoms including a fever, a persistent cough or loss of taste or smell they do not attend school and that they follow the appropriate self-isolation guidelines. Any student in school experiencing these symptoms will be taken to our Hub area and parents/carers contacted to arrange collection and testing as soon as possible. In the event that a student who has been in school recently receives a positive test we would work with Public Health England and the test and trace service to ensure those affected are notified and follow government guidance.

To enable your child to attend on the days they will be allocated, we will require your specific consent, which we will write to you separately to request in advance of the days. Accurate numbers of students attending are vital to ensure our safety measures are effective and so if we do not receive a response by the requested dates, we will assume your child is not planning to attend. We hope you will appreciate that the logistics planning for this is significant and so unfortunately, we are unable to accept responses after the deadlines set.

We require a specific consent for each time your child is invited in to attend school. In addition, we need to make sure that we have the most up to date medical and contact details and so please accept our apologies in advance if you are asked to provide the same information on more than one Form. If your child needs an inhaler or an epi-pen it is essential that they have this on their person at all times in school.

In order to ensure appropriate arrangements are in place regarding school buses we will also ask you to confirm if your child will be using a school bus and indicate which school service they access.

If on the allocated day your child is due to attend and they are unable to do so please ensure you call school or email sixthform@bentonpark.net with the details.

Once again, apologies for another long and detailed communication, which seems to be becoming a regular feature. Thank you again for your continued support and patience whilst we work our way through this complex and ever changing situation and also for the encouragement and help you are providing for your children in ensuring they are engaging well with their teachers and the remote learning.

Yours sincerely

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