



BENTON PARK SCHOOL

'Creating a climate for great learning, success and opportunity'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you enjoyed the Bank Holiday and managed to get some time to relax during the lovely weather.

You will no doubt have seen over the weekend, the updates from the Prime Minister regarding the plans for partial reopening of schools. The long awaited guidance for secondary schools has now been received and we are currently working our way through this to ensure we are clear what the implications are for us as a school. Thank you to those parents who completed the survey regarding whether students would attend provision once we are able to offer this. This indication of numbers will really help to inform our planning and approach as we move forward, now that we have the guidance.

It is clear that from week commencing 15th June we can invite small numbers of students in Years 10 and 12 into school to provide some face-to-face support with teachers. This will be to supplement the remote learning which is being provided and which will continue to be the predominant form of education delivery for these year groups.

Under the guidance we are permitted to have no more than a quarter of students in these Year groups in school at any one time and we need to ensure that we minimise contact and social mixing by setting up small groups and limiting their access to certain defined areas within the school. Given these parameters, we want to make the best use of the limited time available to us to support our students and so, over the course of the next two weeks we will be planning effective provision for students in Years 10 and 12. In addition, we will be working through our risk assessments and preparing all of the classrooms and spaces around school, to ensure we are able to welcome back the students and staff safely.

Once we have these detailed plans finalised, we will contact you further to provide an outline of the approach we are taking and some of the key safety measures we will be implementing. [Also attached here](#) is a letter from Saleem Tariq OBE, Director, Children and Families at Leeds City Council addressing the issues for secondary schools. The date of implementation of the plans has now changed but hopefully it helps to provide some context to the decisions schools are making.

We know that students in these two year groups are very mindful of their exams next year and so we are very much looking forward to welcoming them back into school to enable us to provide some support and reassurance to them, as well as ensuring they are making the most of the remote learning opportunities.

In the meantime, we hope our students are enjoying the half term and are preparing themselves to engage with the remote learning which will resume next week.

Yours sincerely

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