



15th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all well and managing as well as you can in what are still very difficult circumstances. Whilst the lockdown measures have been eased slightly, please carry on being cautious and doing your utmost to safeguard your family.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday evening, the Department for Education has published revised guidance on Monday evening outlining a route map for the gradual and phased re opening of schools. Having read the document, secondary schools are expected to offer face to face support to students in Years 10 and 12 from 1st June at the earliest. I am determined to do this but only if the following essential principle can be satisfied: To support the effectiveness of learning and care for our students whilst safeguarding the health and wellbeing of all students, staff and our families.

I am planning how best we can achieve this. As you can imagine, there are many aspects and details to consider. We will contact you all again with a clear outline of our arrangements as soon as I am confident that our arrangements are robust and manageable.

I am sure that you share my determination to offer face to face support to students in Years 10 and 12, whilst at the same time guarding the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and families. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. In the meantime, thank you for your help in supporting learning as best as you can.

If your child is in Year 7, 8 or 9, current guidelines indicate that they will not be returning to school until September at the earliest. This may be a concern for some of you and we are already working on what we can do differently to maintain students' engagement in "home learning", as well as support you all as families. In the meantime, carry on contacting the relevant Year team for support. We will of course continue our current provision for vulnerable children and children of Key Workers.

Find below a link to the latest guidance document for parents and carers. I hope you find it useful.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

Stay Safe

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