

Friday 5th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Update on partial re-opening of school to Years 10 and 12

Further to my letter of the 21st May and following government announcements during the half term holiday, I wish to provide you with an update to our plans for the partial re-opening of school to Years 10 and 12.

We had originally planned to hold one-to-one meetings with all Year 10 and 12 pupils during the weeks commencing 8th and 15th June. The government guidance states that schools should not reopen more widely until the 15th June and so the **main message of this letter is to inform you that the one-to-one appointments will now begin on Monday 15th June.** Each pupil whose parents have stated that they will be returning will be allocated an appointment time at some point between Monday 15th and Thursday 18th June. Friday 19th June has been designated as a Teacher Training day and as such there will be no online teaching and learning on this day.

I would like to thank parents and carers who have responded to our online survey about whether you intend for your child to return to school when face-to-face teaching resumes. For those of you who have not responded, the deadline is Monday 8th June. It is really important for our safety planning that we have a clear idea of how many pupils we can expect in school on each day. If you have changed your mind and now wish your child to attend the face-to-face lessons in school then please recomplete this survey before the end of the day on Monday 8th June. The link to the survey is: <https://bit.ly/2U8SOVa>.

In advance of the wider opening we will be publishing our risk assessment on our website for you to view. Stringent distancing and other safety measures will be in place in order to prevent the risk of spreading the virus. These will be discussed further at the one-to-one appointments so that expectations and instructions are clear.

As you are no doubt aware, learning remotely is not easy and presents its challenges for both pupils and staff and I would like to commend pupils for the way in which they have engaged with distance learning since closure and for keeping in touch with their form tutor. **Remote learning, through Class Charts, will continue to be the main method of education for all year groups for the remainder of this academic year** although we are really looking forward to being able to deliver 'real' lessons to pupils in Years 10 and 12 over the coming weeks.

If you have agreed for your child to be in school, a separate letter detailing dates, times and rooms will be sent out by Wednesday 10th June in preparation for the face-to-face contact beginning the following week. For safeguarding reasons, if your child is due to be in school on a particular day and is unable to attend, please telephone the school by 8:45 am on the day.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Yours faithfully,

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