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Empowering Learners for Life

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Re: Re-opening to Year 10 students

Dear Parents/Carers

I wrote to you prior to the half term break about re-opening plans for Year 10 students. Again, I write to all parents of our school community to keep everyone updated. This letter is specifically about re-opening to current Year 10 students. At present there is no Government guidance on when other year groups may return to school. Government guidance has changed since that letter and we now know:

From 15 June, secondary schools are able to offer face-to-face support for a quarter of the year 10 and 12 cohort at any one time. Alongside this the government is asking secondary schools to:

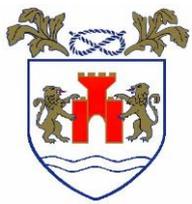
- continue providing full-time provision for vulnerable pupils in all year groups (including year 10 and year 12)
- continue providing full-time provision for children of critical workers in all year groups (including year 10 and year 12)
- provide some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10 and year 12 pupils, with a clear expectation that remote education will continue to be the predominant form of education delivery for these year groups and that this should be of high quality
- continue to use best endeavours to support all other pupils remaining at home, making use of the available remote education support and ensuring a high quality offer

In short, this means that I can offer support in school for a maximum of 45 Year 10 students on any day. Given that the Year 10 cohort is 180 students, I can only offer 1 day a week in order to cover the opportunity for all Year 10 to attend. In addition to these 45 students, I can also offer the ongoing daily provision for vulnerable and key worker children in all other year groups.

Therefore, every Year 10 student can be offered a day in school under the following conditions:

Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A normal school day will not be in place. • Students will not attend every day – only 1 day a week initially. • No lunch facility will be provided; hence provision will end before lunch time. • X3 sessions would be running for each student attending for the morning. X2 sessions will provide specialist support for their learning that they have been set for home learning. The third session will focus on supporting students from a PSHE/enrichment point of view.
Bubbles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff will be in 'Bubbles'. This means there will be groups of no more than 10 children in each classroom (bubble) with 1 or 2 members of staff. • Each bubble will remain together throughout the day and NOT mix with any other bubble. • Where possible, social distancing will be adhered to and regularly encouraged. • When in a classroom, students will sit at their own desks with their own space. • Key worker/vulnerable children receiving ongoing schooling, will be in separate 'bubbles'.





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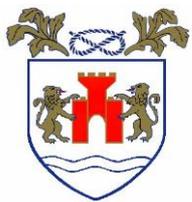


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will use the same classroom when they are in. The amount of movement will be limited, with students often remaining in the same classroom.
Protective Hygiene and Safety Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The science tells us that soap and warm water washes away any signs of the virus on our hands. Students will regularly (during designated breaks) wash their hands and be supervised by staff when doing so. Hand sanitiser will be available in each individual classroom bubble. • Cleaning will happen regularly across the school day and also at the end of each day. We will increase our cleaner resource in school from 15th June. • Each student will need to bring their own 'tools' for working, e.g. pencil, pen, ruler, rubber etc (students WILL NOT be sharing resources that they use to work). Parents will need to ensure that their child is properly equipped to enable them to work. The school could support with this for those that need it and can be discussed at an appropriate time. • Any outdoor resources will be cleaned after each usage. • No food/snacks/drinks will be provided by school or be available to purchase– these are to be provided by parents (note that vouchers for free school meals will continue). Children will not be able to share food/drink they bring with them. • School bags will not be required in school. Any snack would need to be on a child's person or in a disposable plastic bag. • Students are not required to wear school uniform to allow regular washing of own clothes. • We will ask all parents to ensure they keep a close eye on the temperature of their child before they come into school. • If a student displays any symptoms of COVID 19, the student will sit with a staff member in an isolation room (First Aid Room) and parents will be called, and arrangements agreed for the student to immediately return home. • If a staff member feels they are displaying symptoms, then they are to go home immediately and organise for a test to be taken. • THE EXPECTATIONS FOR STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR AND FOLLOWING OF INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE EXTREMELY HIGH. THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF. ANY STUDENT THAT CANNOT MEET THESE EXPECTATIONS WILL BE SENT HOME AND NOT ALLOWED TO RETURN. FIXED TERM EXCLUSIONS WILL BE USED WHERE NEEDED.
Arrival and departure arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will stagger the start and finish time for groups. All groups will depart by lunch time. • We will have very clearly defined instructions for arrival and departure. This is detail we are still working through and will communicate in due course.

A place will be allocated for every single Year 10 student initially, even if you have said in the initial survey that your child wouldn't need a place. This is so that we have the flexibility to accommodate all students as individual circumstances/preferences change. As time goes on, we may be able to increase the provision should the school have the resources and availability to do so.

I will write to you individually next week to specify the day and times that your child can attend. The Government has stated that it is parental choice as to whether you send your child into school and are removing the penalties for non-attendance for the time being. However, at this moment in time I feel that it is vital that I offer you all the same equitable opportunity for your child.





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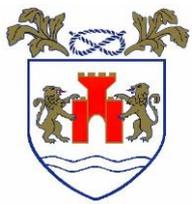
Alongside this face to face support, the ongoing provision for home learning will continue for all students and indeed continues to be the main vehicle for education at this time. Also, the safe and well checks will continue for all children across the school.

I have stressed continually that the safety of the students and staff drives all my decision making at this time. My team of staff have been working extremely hard to work through a mountain of policy and physical adaptations to the school in order reduce risk for all coming to the school. It is a complex process and I am sure you can appreciate that we are unwavering in our desire to support you and your children as much as we can. This is a two-way process, however. In order to ensure that plans to provide the safest possible provision work efficiently, the students returning to school will need to adhere to my extremely high expectations. At the end of this letter you will find a 'Behaviour Charter' that has been specifically written for this special circumstance. All students will need to adhere to this charter in order to ensure that other students and staff can work in an environment that is as safe as possible. I expect that you will go through this with your child and support them to understand what is expected of them.

I do hope that this letter provides you with some clarity about the level of support we can offer to Year 10 students. I will write to again early next week to outline the specific details for your child. In the meantime, if you do have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr Mark Boughey
Headteacher



BEHAVIOUR CHARTER – Covid-19 partial closure

Throughout a partial closure, our main priority is to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

We will provide you with a safe environment in which to complete your learning, but we need you to follow the rules below in order to ensure the safety of everyone in school.

Social Distancing and hand cleanliness

- I will stay 2 meters away from other students and staff at all times, including social time.
- If I need to line up, I will do so quietly, ensuring 2 meters between me and the person in front.
- I will wash my hands or use hand sanitiser when I arrive in school and at the start and end of break time.

'Bubbles'

- I will stay in my bubble throughout the session and will not mix with students from any other bubbles, even at social time.

Equipment and classroom

- I will bring my own equipment to school and will sit in my allocated space for all sessions.
- I will bring a snack and drink to school with me for break time (if required) and will not share these with any other students. I understand that there will be no catering facilities on site.
- I will not bring a bag in to school.
- I will wear my own clean clothes and ensure these are washed after each session.
- I will not wear jewellery as outlined in the uniform policy.
- I will not use my mobile phone (including listening to music) during learning time.

Coughs and sneezes

- If I need to cough or sneeze, I will do that into a clean tissue or into my elbow.
- I will put used tissues straight into the bin and will wash my hands or use hand sanitiser straight away.

Feeling unwell

- If I feel unwell before school, I will stay at home and notify the school immediately.
- If I feel unwell whilst in school, I will tell a teacher straight away.

Following instructions

- I will follow the instructions of all members of staff straight away. This includes teaching, support and domestic staff members.
- I will ensure I stay in the designated areas of the school only.

Being responsible and respectful

- I will be respectful of others and understand that other staff and students may have been affected by the pandemic and might feel concerned and anxious about the current situation.

In order to maintain a safe environment for students and staff, failure to comply with these rules may result in you receiving a fixed term exclusion from school.