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Dear Parents / Carers of Year 10 students,

You will be aware that the government has announced that they wish for Year 10 to have some 'face to face time' with teachers. **This will begin from Monday 15th June 2020.** In drawing up our plans we have gone through a detailed risk assessment where we have considered staff, student and community safety as the first priority. We have looked at which combination of students can come in at any time, along with how we might use our school site to best manage social distancing. We have also drawn up detailed plans around cleaning, site management, movement around site and infection management.

We need to know if you intend to send your Year 10 child to school during this time. Please complete the survey at [this link](#) to tell us if your child will be attending. If the survey above fills up, or is closed, then you can use [this link instead](#). Before responding to the survey, please read our plans further down in this letter. We will also be publishing our plans on our school website.

If your child has specific health needs, please seek the advice of their GP about returning to school. For the few children who are 'extremely clinically vulnerable', they still need to be shielding at home. If there is someone in your home who is at greater risk of coronavirus due to being elderly, pregnant or have medical conditions, your child can still attend school. Please speak to a member of staff if you have specific concerns. If there is someone in your home who is shielding as a result of being 'extremely clinically vulnerable', your child should only attend school if social distancing can be maintained, otherwise we will support them to learn at home

Our plans for re-opening for Year 10s are explained in the bullet points below:

- Year 10 students will come into school **once a week for the morning only from Monday 15th June** on an allocated day which we will communicate soon. For the remaining 4 days, Year 10 students will continue with the remote learning set by their teachers.
- **Only 50-60 Year 10 students will come into school each morning.** These 50-60 students will be divided into 6 further groups who will be required to stay together at all times. There will be no mixing of groups.
- Students will be on site from 8:30am or 9.00am (depending on which group they are in) until 12:30pm or 1pm (again, depending on which group they are in). Groups and start / finish times will be communicated soon.
- When in school, **Year 10s will remain in one room at all times.** Breaks will be taken inside the same room. The only reason that students will leave the room is to use the toilet.

- **There will be no lunch provided. Students on free school meals will continue to have vouchers provided. All other students should have their lunch at home once they have left the school site.** Students will not be allowed to visit the chicken shop or other takeaways outside of the school on the way home. We are not serving lunch so that we can minimise movement around the site and ensure that social distancing is maintained.
- **Students will need to follow our instructions around strict social distancing at all times.** Students who deliberately break the social distancing rules will be sent home and any who do this persistently may receive an exclusion. We have updated our behaviour policy to reflect this and it can be viewed on our website [here](#).
- **Year 10s will have 3 lessons in the morning in their core subjects of English, Maths and Science.** There will be some teaching that takes place, and the lessons will also provide an opportunity for teachers to set up the remote learning that is to be provided for the remainder of the week. There will also be some pastoral support provided for students during the course of the morning that they are in.
- Rooms will be set up with hand sanitiser and we have agreed a focused cleaning regime with our caretaking team so that each room has a deep clean every afternoon, following the morning sessions.
- If students choose to wear face coverings and / or gloves on their way to school, they will need to remove these before entering the school site.
- Students are advised to walk to school rather than use public transport.
- We recognise that parents may wish to wash clothing more often. While students will need to wear school uniform, we will allow students to come to school without blazers as we recognise that these are harder to wash.

The Government have explained that there will be no fines for non-attendance if you choose not to send your child to school. However, you will need to report your child's absence to us, and we will provide further details of how to do that over the next week. If your child is unable to come to school, please rest assured that online, remote learning will continue to take place in the same way that it is currently.

Please continue to check your email, our website and the student VLE. We will provide further details over the coming days.

Best Wishes,



Mia Pye
Headteacher