



Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Year 10 partial and phased return to school

We would like to update you further regarding the situation surrounding Y10 students returning to school. Over the next two days we have staff calling you all to discuss the plans and your intentions. The health and well-being of our students and staff, is always, our main priority, therefore these are some of the steps we have taken for your children which we hope you will find reassuring.

- In keeping with national guidelines, a risk assessment of the buildings and movement has been completed to mitigate risk in these times.
- An initial 60-minute session will be held with your child in school with a member of staff. This session will be in a classroom where there will only be 6 student desks and the member of staff's desk. This session will be about re-engaging them into school life and learning. If your child does not attend this session, they will not be able to attend subsequent sessions as this group of students will be the same students they will mix with whilst in Year 10; this will be their 'bubble'. You will be told when this session is when you are called.
- After the above session they will attend weekly to be taught English, maths and science – and will remain in the same classroom, at the same labelled desk with the same students as above.
- Food and drink will not be available; therefore, students should bring in their own non fizzy drink in from home. This should be labelled if possible. Any drinks left on desks will be thrown away if not labelled.
- There will be no break or lunchtime for your child. Students will only have a supervised comfort break if needed.
- Students will be supervised at all times – from entering the school site to leaving after their allocated slots have finished.
- Rooms and desks will be cleaned at the end of each day. The rooms are significantly distanced from each other and students will use the toilet/hand washing facilities (under supervision) allocated to the group for sole usage. There will be no crossover where students will come into contact with each other, as students will be using different corridors and staircases.

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- All students that attend these sessions will receive their own stationery and labelled folder. These will be stored in the classroom in a specific box for this group and will not leave the room at any time.
- Hand sanitisers will be available in each classroom.
- Social distancing markers are placed throughout the school – 2m is essential for all staff and students.
- The school is operating a new one-way system which will be discussed with students.
- There are many posters around the school promoting good hygiene.
- There will be members of the Senior Leadership Team, a first aider and a trained safeguarding professional on school site each day.
- Students are expected to wear ‘smart casual’ clothing and not their normal school uniform. Smart casual should follow the usual non uniform days at school – no short skirts/dress/shorts, cropped tops and so on. This will allow all clothes to be washed at the end of every day that they attend.

Please inform the member of staff who calls you whether you intend to send your child into school for their allocated sessions. Please note that we need this information in order to plan effectively. We will not be able to accommodate students for whom no indication has been given, or if parents/carers change their mind, as socially protective bubbles will already have been established for each teaching group.

Many thanks for your continued support with this matter. We are looking forward to seeing as many as possible of our Year 10 students as we have missed them,

Yours faithfully

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