



## COMMUNITY

Corona Virus Update 19: 8th June 2020

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REST OF THE SUMMER TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to again update you on key work currently being undertaken by the school to ensure appropriate safety and educational provision. In this update, I include information for the rest of the summer term.

- **On the 24th May the Prime Minister announced that secondary schools should plan on the basis that from the week commencing 15 June, they can invite year 10 back into school for some face-to-face support with their teachers, subject to the government's 5 tests being met.**
- Secondary schools have been asked to offer this face-to-face support to support the remote education of Year 10, which should remain the main mode of education during this term for students in these year groups. The reason for Year 10 returning is that they will be taking their GCSE exams next year. It must be noted that although the language states 'face to face', this does not necessarily mean that students must be in school.
- I'm sure many of you will be hearing of other local schools and their individual action for wider reopening. We strongly believe that in the current national climate, rather than having large groups of students in for one day per week, an approach where students have a personalised one-to-one academic meeting is much more powerful in terms of impact, whilst also allowing wide scale safety and continued oversight of the national and local picture. **Specific information is given below.**
- Thank you to those parents who have completed the Year 10 survey regarding your thoughts and concerns relating to returning to school. This has informed our planning in conjunction with the wider risk assessments and accompanying arrangements that are taking place.



- A whole school strategy (phased approach) and accompanying risk assessments are currently being developed to include additional changes to support the safety of both staff and students - covering short, medium and long term provision and giving everyone the assurance and knowledge in order to plan on a longer term, rather than the weekly and sometimes daily changes that all schools have had to adapt to. All of which will have a negative impact on the overall provision that is provided and lacks clarity for us all.
- **The decision has been made that we will not be opening on a large scale during the rest of the summer term. Instead, we are taking a more targeted approach whilst ensuring risk is at an absolute minimum and impact is at an absolute maximum. For the rest of this term, the current arrangements will remain for all students.**

## Strategy for Y10 Students

- Personal phone calls home are currently being made by Team Leaders (Tutors) for every Year 10 student. These calls are to discuss student progress and allow us to put in place a package based on specific student needs, covering academic issues for each subject and any wellbeing support needed. Team Leaders are collating information and logging on a spreadsheet so this can be acted upon by staff.
- After the above has taken place, additional phone calls will be made by subject staff to support subject-specific issues.
- Based on these calls and the information we have gathered, selected Year 10 students will be invited into school to attend individual 'Academic Progress Meetings' to discuss concerns and set any particular targets/support needed - as per above. Any students with wellbeing issues will also have 'Coaching Sessions' with the Wellbeing Team.
- Those students that are invited to attend Academic Progress Meetings will receive a personal invite and these will be held with the Core Senior Leadership Team Members - the Headteacher and Deputy Headteachers. There will be no option to choose or swap days allocated.
- It must be noted that your child has a responsibility to ensure they are engaging with the work currently being set and initiating any communication if they are having issues.
- **Work will continue to be set remotely for Year 10 students including those that have pre-arranged work packs.**

## Strategy for all other students (Y7,Y8,Y9)

- The school will remain open to vulnerable children and those of key workers as normal and as per pre arranged discussions had over the past months.
- It must be noted that your child has a responsibility to ensure they are engaging with the work currently being set and initiating any communication if they are having issues.
- **Work will continue to be set remotely for students including those that have pre-arranged work packs.**



I do hope these update letters are beneficial and help to inform you of what is a fast-paced and ever-changing situation. I will of course keep you regularly updated on school developments.

Keep learning, keep caring, keep safe.

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