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Subject: Changes to Year 10 and 12 provision from 15th June 2020.

Please read this letter carefully and complete the survey linked towards the end. It is very important that every Year 10 and 12 parent, and every Year 12 student, completes the relevant survey.

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to let you know our plans for the coming weeks following clarification from the Government about what educational arrangements should be in place for secondary school students this half term.

Guidance issued by the Department for Education on 25 May 2020 makes it clear that secondary schools should not begin a phased return of students until **15 June at the earliest**. After this date, if safe to do so, secondary schools should begin to offer **some face to face support** to supplement the remote education of Year 10 and 12 students.

Whilst there is scope for confusion about what exactly schools are being asked to provide, the guidance is clear that:

- **Remote education will be the main method of delivery for all students for this term.**
- Schools should continue to provide childcare for children of key workers and vulnerable students, where required.
- Secondary schools should complement the remote offer with some face to face support for Year 10 and 12 students, perhaps by way of tutorials or meetings. It is not expected that 'lessons' for all subjects will resume.
- Schools should limit the number of students on site at any one time to one quarter of Year 10 and 12 to reduce the risk of increasing transmission.

We have considered very carefully how we can best work within the guidance to extend the support offered to Year 10 and 12 students.

We believe we can provide:

1. **Some time in school for Year 12 and 10 students** in the form of small group tutorials with subject specialists.
2. Some face to face social, emotional and educational support, where required, for individuals who are struggling with remote education and lockdown.
3. **Increased opportunities for live, online tutorials** when students are not in school.

The above will be in addition to the remote educational provided so far by the school.



What is the value in students coming into school?

We understand that you will only want your child to attend school if you believe that there are clear benefits right now. We believe that there are three significant benefits to the face to face support being offered. Firstly, the quality of discussion and support which can be provided in person is so much better than that which can be delivered via Zoom, and teachers can respond in real time to any concerns or difficulties students are having. Secondly, students will have the opportunity to undertake activities which may not be possible at home, such as practical work in some subjects. Thirdly, we will begin to build students' confidence in returning to school, which is best done gradually and in small groups.

Year 12

We have considered how best to support Year 12 students. We believe that most Year 12 students are responding well to remote education but would benefit from a 'boost' through the opportunity to attend some face to face tutorials with subject specialists. These tutorials will be an opportunity to review the work completed and for teachers to make an informal assessment of how students have progressed in their learning.

If safe to do so, we intend to offer **small group tutorials** with subject teachers, in school, over a three week period (**15th June to 3rd July**). Students will have the opportunity to attend a tutorial for each of their A Level courses during this period.

In addition to the in-school tutorials, we will develop our **live, online tutorials** for Year 12 students wherever possible.

In summary, the Year 12 offer will be:

1. Remote learning, comprising of set-work and support by class teachers.
2. Some live, online tutorials for a variety of subjects.
3. In-school subject tutorials between 15th June and 3rd July.
4. Guidance and support through our pastoral team.

We will review this provision prior to planning our Year 12 offer beyond 3rd July. We hope to be able to offer further face to face support before the summer.

We are in the process of scheduling these tutorials and allocating students to groups. We will send a personalised timetable to Year 12 students prior to 15 June.

Year 10

We have considered how best to support Year 10 students. We believe that most Year 10 students are responding well to remote education but would benefit from regular face to face contact with staff at school, and some specialist support. Staying motivated is particularly difficult for this age group and the opportunity for regular 'check ins' would be a help.

If safe to do so, we intend to offer Year 10 students **one day per week in school**, initially for the **weeks beginning 15th June and 22nd June**. Year 10 will be divided into quarter populations for this purpose. The initial focus will subject tutorials for option subjects.

Date	Option A and B Tutorials
Monday 15 th June	Grp 1
Tuesday 16 th June	Grp 2
Wednesday 17 th June	Grp 3
Thursday 18 th June	Grp 4
Date	Option C and D Tutorials
Monday 22 nd June	Grp 1
Tuesday 23 rd June	Grp 2
Wednesday 24 th June	Grp 3
Thursday 25 th June	Grp 4

In addition to the above, we will begin to deliver some **live, online tutorials** for core subjects. You will shortly receive an email seeking your consent for your child to take part in these tutorials. Without this consent, your child will not be able to take part.

In summary, the Year 10 offer will be:

1. Remote learning, comprising of set-work and support by class teachers.
2. Some live, online tutorials for core subjects.
3. In-school subject tutorials between 15th June and 26th June.
4. Guidance and support through our pastoral team.

We will review this provision prior to planning our Year 10 offer beyond 26th June. We hope to be able to offer further face to face support before the summer.

We are in the process of scheduling these tutorials and allocating students to groups. We will send a timetable to Year 10 students/parents prior to 15 June.

Transport

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer bus transport for such very small groups of students. Therefore, students will have to make their own way to school by walking, cycling or by car.

Attendance

All students in Year 12 and 10 are expected to attend on the relevant dates **unless**:

- They have received an NHS shielding letter/advice (i.e. are extremely clinically vulnerable) which requires them to self-isolate during this period.
- They are shielding a member of their household who is extremely clinically vulnerable.
- They are clinically vulnerable and have been advised by their doctor not to attend school.
- They are sick, symptomatic or have tested positive for Covid 19.

- They are isolating having had contact with an individual who is symptomatic or has been tested positive for Covid 19.

Where students or members of their household are clinically vulnerable (but are not shielding), they may still be able to attend with certain precautions in place. We will discuss and agree these precautions with you prior to your child attending school.

Where there are transportation problems, we will seek to support you with these.

Information required

To help us plan, please complete the relevant survey by Thursday 4th June.

Year 10 Parent Survey:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0qT8dXtD_06b3eYcNXYH-2day4WhIDNGs3kc9hhYL0hUN1dVWTNTR0UzWVBCNTVBNVNCrZRKMkk1Ui4u

Year 12 Parent Survey:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0qT8dXtD_06b3eYcNXYH--oOrzCRpmRAuupwvcDgQjNUOEZXSfgzM1hST0ZRT0cxVUpINjJBVU82OS4u

Year 12 Student Survey:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0qT8dXtD_06b3eYcNXYH--oOrzCRpmRAuupwvcDgQjNUNk1XOFBJOENSWDNUWTY5TTZHQzNXVUFFMC4u

Thank you for supporting us in helping as many students as possible access this enhanced provision. Please be assured that we will only go ahead with these plans if we have met the conditions for extending provision set out in my letter before half term. I will write again to update you about these conditions to provide additional assurance about the extensive actions we are taking to keep children safe. In the meantime, please be assured that we are planning meticulously and making our best endeavours to make the best offer possible for your child.

Yours sincerely



Matthew Evans
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