



1st June 2020

Dear parents & carers,

I wanted to update you on the latest guidance we have received from the Department for Education (DfE) regarding secondary schools re-opening for students in Years 10 and 12.

The Government has confirmed that the earliest date that schools can begin to provide some face to face teaching for these year groups **has been changed to June 15th**.

The Government guidance says that schools can have a maximum of 25 per cent of these year groups at school at any one time, with no more than 15 students in a classroom, sitting two metres apart from each other.

We want as many students as possible to have the opportunity to have face to face learning with their teachers. However, the safety, health and wellbeing of everyone in the school is of course our highest priority and our plans will be based around the restrictions on the numbers who can attend school and can be in classes together.

Therefore, as of the week beginning the 15th June, each year 10 student will have **one** 3-hour session per student per week and year 12 students will have one every **2 weeks**. As with all secondary schools, our remote learning provision will continue to be the main form of education that students receive.

In order to put the appropriate measures needed in place, we need to know how many students are likely to come to school if we can reopen from June 15th for Year 10 and Year 12.

On Wednesday 3rd June 2020, we will be sending the parents & carers of year 10 and year 12 students a text asking if you do plan to send you child back to school and the expected mode of transport your child will be using. Please reply to the text by 4.00pm on the 4th June in order that we can make essential decisions. Once we know how many students to expect, we can provide you with a detailed plan regarding how and when the students can return during the summer term.

If your child is already attending our Community Classrooms for key worker and vulnerable children, they can continue to do so regardless of which year group they are in and we encourage them to attend. If your child has specific health vulnerabilities, they should not come to school.

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REGIONAL ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL: Victoria Cockram

I will write to you again early next week when I hope to be able to share our specific plans with you. In the meantime, please continue to encourage your child with their home learning.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Y Powell', with a small flourish at the end.

Yvonne Powell
Executive Principal