

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well and managed to enjoy some sunshine while we had it!

I want to update you again on where we are in terms of more students coming back into school. Our main concern is how to open to more students, in line with the government's plans, in a way that minimises health risks to students, staff and families.

We have worked very closely with our Governing Body, Trust colleagues and the Local Authority, and we are now in a position where we believe we are able to put appropriate measures in place to begin to bring back limited numbers of secondary students, in a staggered way, beginning on Monday 15 June.

The government has asked schools "to offer some face-to-face support for year 10 and year 12". We will invite groups of students on specific days and they will have input from teachers to support with their remote school work as well as focusing on their welfare and Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG).

We have developed a very detailed risk assessment process and have put a wide range of control measures in place to minimise risk to students, staff and the community. In line with government guidance, we will operate around the principles of "bubbles" of students who will remain separate throughout the day from other bubbles. Further details will be sent to Year 10 and Year 12 parents at the beginning of next week.

Please be reassured that we are working hard to manage the next stage as sensibly and as safely as possible and I will keep you as informed as I can throughout.

The government has no plans to bring any other year groups back to school before the end of the summer term. As I have said previously, we will work hard to fill any gaps in learning that have appeared when they do return. It is vital that students continue to access their work via Google classroom and check their school email account on a regular basis. Their tutor will continue to make contact via email, and we will continue to make our calls to check all is well.

For Year 11 students, the generic bridging work has been available for a few weeks, now and next week we will make the subject specific bridging work available to prepare for life in the Sixth Form. I will continue to update you on the Summer Ball as soon as it is possible to do so.

As I have said before, we don't always get everything right, but we will continue to do the very best we can and keep everyone as safe as possible.

Take care

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