



22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Dear parent/carer,

In these difficult and unprecedented times, I would first like to thank you for your continued support in working with the school to support your child's education and well-being. It has been encouraging and often heart-warming to see the excellent work, positive comments and gestures of goodwill from across our school community via email and on social media. We hope, first and foremost, that you and your wider family are well and are staying safe.

During this time, we have continued to provide education and support for a small number of students within school that meet the criteria set out by the government, namely the children of key workers and those young people classed as vulnerable and needing additional support. The school will remain open for these students, as previously. Following the government's latest announcement concerning school openings, we will also be open to Year 10 students for a partial timetable from 2<sup>nd</sup> June should you wish your child to return to the academy.

The health and safety of our students and staff will remain our highest priority and I would like to reassure you that the academy has and will continue to take steps to ensure that all within the school community adhere to high standards regarding social distancing and hygiene practices. This week, a thorough risk assessment has been carried out in addition to a professional deep clean of the premises. The 1<sup>st</sup> June will be a training day to ensure that all staff are aware of expectations and routines surrounding the health and safety of students. As you might expect, the school day and week will run differently from usual to ensure that we are able to keep students and staff safe. Students will be asked to attend the academy on specific days and will be taught in class sizes of no more than eight students, they will be allocated a specific classroom, set of resources and break and lunch times. Measures will be put into place in all classrooms, corridors and spaces to ensure the health and safety of our community is protected. Please find further details of our MAT wide policy in the booklet that accompanies this letter.

In order for us to ensure that we are able to plan adequately for the return of students, it would be useful to us if you could indicate at this stage if you intend to send your child back to school from the 2<sup>nd</sup> June by clicking on the following link: [Year 10 survey](#) and completing with your child's name and either YES or NO. Please submit your response by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 3pm at the latest. Once we have a clearer picture regarding attendance, we will contact you with the exact details of which days your child will be in school and the exact timings and lunch arrangements, this is likely to be one day a week in the first instance.

Students that return to school will receive lessons delivered by subject specialists appropriate to the Year 10 curriculum and exam specifications. Students who do not return to school will still have access to the full range of online resources and contact with class teachers and key pastoral staff will continue via email. We will continue to consult all government advice and directives in relation to school openings.

May I take this opportunity to thank you again for your support and understanding at a difficult time for us all.

Take care and stay safe,

Rob Marsh  
Principal