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Dear Families

I hope you remain well, and were able to enjoy the excellent weather whilst still remaining safe and following the government's social distancing guidance during the half-term break.

Work setting this half-term

As communicated to each year group before half-term, we will be continuing to set work as we have done in recent weeks. Our new curriculum projects for students in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 can be seen on Class Charts, and work will continue to be set via Class Charts for students in Year 10 too. Work will continue to be set via email, and in some cases there will be lessons on Microsoft Teams, for Year 12 students. We will be communicating too with Year 11 students, to support transition to our sixth form, or college; and with Year 13 students to support with next steps beyond HT.

Coronavirus testing

The government recently announced that anyone with symptoms of coronavirus is now eligible to book a test, including children under the age of 5 years. Anyone experiencing a new, continuous cough; high temperature; or a loss of, or change, in their normal sense of smell or taste (anosmia) can book a test. A coronavirus test can be booked here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Re-opening plans: update

The government published its re-opening guidance for secondary schools during half-term. The full documentation can be accessed here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-secondary-schools>

From 15th June, secondary schools have been asked to offer face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of Year 10 and Year 12 students, which should remain the predominant mode of education during this term for students in these year groups. School will not re-open at this stage for students in other year groups. Based on the latest scientific and medical advice, it is necessary to continue to control the numbers attending school to reduce the risk of increasing transmission. Schools are able to have 25% of the Year 10 and Year 12 cohort (for schools with sixth forms) in school at any one time.

Therefore, initial meetings in school with some Year 10 and Year 12 students and their families will now take place **from week commencing 15th June**. The purpose of these meetings will be to re-familiarise students with the school environment, to discuss how they have coped during lockdown, talk about the work that has been done at home in recent weeks and to start thinking about next steps.

We are planning to be in a position to start face-to-face teaching with very small groups of Year 10 and/or Year 12 students from week commencing 22nd June. We will continue to be guided by all updated government guidance for secondary schools as it emerges and communicate our more detailed plans with Year 10 and Year 12 families. We will be following all social distancing measures and we will have very small number of students attending to ensure school is safe for all students and staff. This will involve staggered days and times for students, smaller class sizes, a different timetable, frequent handwashing and additional cleaning to our school facilities.

To support our detailed planning, please could all Year 10 and Year 12 families complete our short survey to share your views, worries and potential issues. This will be sent to you by email later today. Please could you respond by the end of the day on Wednesday 3rd June. We are also asking whether you would attend a face-to-face meeting in school with a member of staff next week. It will be for each family with a Year 10 and Year 12 student to decide whether they wish to attend such a meeting, or send their child to school for the subsequent provision that we are able to offer during the rest of this term, based on the information and guidance we are able to provide about how we will manage our re-opening.



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In summary

- From today we are continuing with the existing arrangements for working from home for all students other than those vulnerable students and those whose parent is a critical worker and cannot be safely cared for at home.
- From 15th June, we are planning to have initial meetings in school with some Year 10 and Year 12 students and their families.
- From 22nd June, we are hoping to start face-to-face teaching with very small groups of Year 10 and/or Year 12 students.
- More specific details about our proposed in-school provision for Year 10 and Year 12 students will be communicated to those year groups separately.
- All families must make their own decision about whether they wish to attend a meeting at school, or send their child to school for the subsequent provision.

Thank you for your continued support during such challenging times, and my continued best wishes to all families.

Yours faithfully

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