### Frequently asked Questions and Answers for families about students returning to school from June 15<sup>th</sup> 2020

1. Why are we proposing that Year 10 and Year 12 students will have individual face-to-face contact with staff followed by small group teaching this half-term?

Government guidance states that only these year groups may return to school at this point. Individual meetings with students to start this process will enable us to find out about how students and families are, and to then explain more about how small group teaching will work. It will be very different to normal.

You can read the full government guidance here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-secondary-schools">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-secondary-schools</a>

2. My child is considered medically vulnerable – should they come to school?

If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue working at home. If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice, to decide if they should come back to school.

The government guidance can be read here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings

3. Do I have to send my child back to school?

We hope to see as many of our Year 10 and Year 12 students back at school on pre-arranged set dates and times as possible, but are fully aware that every family circumstance is different and whether each child returns or not must be an individual decision taken by each family.

It is not compulsory for any student to return to school and there will be no fines for non-attendance during the rest of this term.

4. Will home learning continue?

Home learning will continue to be provided for all students and will remain the predominant mode of education during this term. Completed student work should continue to be sent to the teacher who will provide feedback within 2 working days.

5. I wasn't going to send my child back to school but I might change my mind - is that possible?

If you decide to change your mind and send your child back to school please contact your child's Year Achievement Coordinator (Year 10) or Head of Year (Year 12).

We ask parents for at least a week's notice if you would like to change your mind and send your child back to school following your initial decision not to do so. This is to ensure that we can put the correct staffing levels in place and prepare classrooms accordingly to ensure the minimum level of risk for all students and staff.

6. I have concerns with regard to students being able to keep to the social distancing rules. How will school manage this?

Every student returning to school will be made fully aware of our clear expectations on social distancing and hygiene rules to ensure everyone's safety.

There is an updated Home School Agreement. The aim of this agreement is to set out our specific agreed expectations as we open up our school setting on a wider basis to students. This Home School Agreement takes into consideration the current COVID-19 situation and agreed ways in which we can lessen any risk to students and staff to ensure we work together to make sure your child is safe, secure and supported at all times.

Any student who is not prepared to follow any aspect of this agreement cannot return to school. Equally, if any aspect is not followed whilst a student is in school they will not be able to remain in school.

The school will contact home, and a parent would be required to collect their child. The student would not be allowed to return to the school site until a virtual meeting takes place with the Year Achievement Coordinator (Year 10) or Head of Year (Year 12) with a senior member of staff to re-set and agree the expectations.

## 7. What happens if someone gets coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms and they are at school? If your child is displaying any symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they must not come onto the school site. This also applies to parents/carers at drop off and pick up times.

If a young person or member of staff becomes unwell at school with a new, continuous cough; a high temperature; or a loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste, they will be sent home, self-isolate for 7 days and arrange to be tested for coronavirus (COVID-19). Fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days, and it is advised that everyone who has been in close contact with a person who has developed coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms can and should arrange to be tested if they display symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Where the young person or member of staff tests negative, they can return to school and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

Where the young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

A separate room has been reserved for any child who displays symptoms during the school day and who will need to isolate until they are collected.

# 8. If my child returns to school for lessons from 22<sup>nd</sup> June, what will happen on arrival at school? Each student will have their temperature checked on arrival using a digital infrared forehead thermometer (this will not come into contact with the skin). If OK and below the NHS recommendation of 38 degrees Celsius, the

### child will go to the classroom where they will wash their hands with soap or hand sanitiser prior to entering.

#### 9. What happens at lunchtime from 22<sup>nd</sup> June?

Students will not be provided with lunch at school. Lessons will finish before lunchtime and students will be expected to eat lunch at home. Lunchtime arrangements will be reviewed regularly and parents will be updated when we can resume normal lunchtime arrangements. The only exception is students in receipt of Free School Meals who can pre-order a packed lunch to take home with them should they choose to.

#### 10. Do the children wear uniform?

Yes, we are expecting all students to wear their HT uniform. We understand your child may have grown out of some of their uniform and therefore your child will not be in full uniform in this case. We are not asking students to wear ties during the rest of this term.

#### 11. Should my child wear a mask?

This is not a requirement. If your child wishes to wear a face mask you will need to request permission by emailing <a href="enquires@haileyburyturnford.com">enquires@haileyburyturnford.com</a> and request permission and agree to the terms and conditions when wearing a mask. We would also ask that the mask is plain in colour and does not have any decorative logo or pattern.

#### 12. Will teachers be wearing face masks?

Some teachers may opt to wear a face mask. This will be an individual choice should they choose to, to support with managing their perception of risk.

#### 13. Will the school be cleaned more frequently?

Yes, high use areas of the school will be cleaned more thoroughly and frequently in a systematic way. Our cleaning contractors have a thorough and updated a COVID-19 risk management plan and risk assessment in place.

#### 14. What happens about co-curricular activities?

Unfortunately, no co-curricular or after-school activities and clubs can be provided at present.

#### 15. What are the key things I should tell my child to help them get ready for coming back to school?

Please talk with your child about how school will not be the same as before, as we are having to do things differently to minimise risk and keep everyone safe. There will be lots of handwashing and we will not be able to be closer than 2 metres in distance to our friends and teachers. For those year groups returning, a short video will be uploaded to Class Charts, showing students and parents what the school and classroom layout will look like and what our expectations will be.

#### 16. What if I have other queries, questions or concerns?

Please raise any issues with the member of staff you meet with for your one-to-one meeting, week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> June.

#### 17. What will happen about returning to school in September?

It is difficult to answer this question at this time without the publication of government guidance for us to respond to.

Once we are in a position to take any decisions we will communicate our plans.