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Dear Parents/Carers

Covid-19 update

Firstly I would like to extend a big thank you to all of you for continuing to engage with our welfare team in the calls that are made each week. It has allowed us to be in close communication with our families which has made such a big difference in our ability to plan next steps for our school community.

We understand that we are in a time that can be quite worrying for some of you and your children, and hopefully this letter will be clear about our plans for the next stages. As leaders of the school we have tried our best to limit formal written communication until we have carefully looked through all of the guidance and come up with the plan that we think is the safest and puts our children and our staff health and wellbeing at the heart of this.

The Department for Education (DfE) have asked us in their guidance to plan a potential wider reopening from 01st June. You may be aware that this is a provisional date and there are some key tests that the Government state must be met before this goes ahead. We have been asked to plan for the following:

- Continuation of provision for vulnerable children and children of key workers
- To add some face to face education for year 10 pupils in addition to their online learning
- To plan for some face to face provision for year 11 pupils

The school will continue to remain closed to all other pupils until we have further updates from the Government. They have made it clear that all potential changes are conditional and that they will review the situation closely as they modify lockdown measures.

If you are a parent of a pupil in year 10 or 11 please see section at the end of the letter specifically related to provision for your child.

The Government released some revised guidance for parents and carers below regarding education for secondary age pupils during this time:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-secondary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

We are continuing to post any relevant updates on the website and access to all recommended online learning is also included on the website.

We are closed for half term and when we return from 01st June we will be planning some developments to our online learning resources. We have continued to also send out the physical work packs that many of our children have done a great job of completing and thank you to everyone that has been able to help their children with continuing to engage in some work during this time.

Please continue to keep the lines of communication open with us and if there is anything you wish to discuss or need support with please do hesitate to contact us. We have spent the past week thoroughly risk assessing all of our school taking into account all the necessary health & hygiene measures and this risk assessment will be available on the website should you wish to review it.

Please see sections below regarding provision for your child if wider reopening takes place from 01st June 2020:

Pupils accessing the current provision in school

If your child has already been attending over the past few weeks they will continue to do so after half term. Start time is 09.00 and finish at 14.00. There will be some changes to the classrooms and physical space that are used in light of the new Government guidance and risk assessments. We will have more of a focussed approach to learning and all expectations will be shared with the pupils on their return.

Pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9

The school remains closed to these year groups at the moment whilst we await further updates from the Government. Work packs will be delivered or posted on Monday 1st June – providing work for the first week/two weeks of the half-term - as we will be undertaking staff training for the new Google Suite for Education platform that we have been creating in the last few weeks. This will provide an opportunity for more online learning and

opportunities for us to provide more interactive content between teachers and pupils. More information will follow after the half-term break.

Pupils in Year 10

You should have already had a call over the past week to discuss whether or not you would like your child to access any face to face provision. We factored this into our planning and providing the wider re-opening of schools is confirmed for the 01st June we will be welcoming the Year 10 pupils for a scheduled, personal one to one induction during that week. We will be calling you to discuss the timings of these sessions and the expectations during this. Where the tutor is able to undertake this we have scheduled the session to be with your child's personal tutor. This session will be no longer than 1 hour and will include a 'safe behaviours' document being shared and signed with the pupil. Year 10 pupils have been selected in the guidance due to them having key examinations next year, so the focus of planning for the subsequent weeks will be to look at Functional Skills and Core subject content. This will all be discussed with the pupil to set up a plan for the following week.

The 1:1 session and small group work will then take place for 1 session in the following week (more details to follow from your child's tutor). If you have any transport concerns please ensure you are calling the welfare team or emailing the admin office so that we can plan through this with you.

Pupils in year 11

When we return after half term we will be making phone calls home to discuss whether a face to face transition planning meeting is required for your child. These calls will then help us to create a bespoke provision plan for your child to prepare them for their next stages in Education. Our team have already been having conversations with a number of our Year 11 pupils around this so hopefully you already have a clear idea of the planned next steps for them.

Pupils that were One to One in the home prior to the closures

Teachers will not be visiting homes for the remainder of the Summer Term to teach, however we will be working on planning some enhanced online support via the One to One teaching team specifically for those in year 10. You will receive a phone call the week we return from half term to discuss what this will look like for your child. Welfare calls will remain in place for all pupils in all year groups.

General information for any pupils that will access face to face provision in school

- The pupils do not need to currently wear their uniform although we request that for control measures, anything worn that day is washed prior to wearing again.
- We need all our parents and carers to be vigilant to any symptoms of the virus in their household and immediately inform us if there are any concerns. Pupils must not attend school if they have any of the symptoms of the virus.
- After half term all children attending will have personal packs of pencils, pens etc. provided that only they will be able to use
- We have increased all cleaning and handwashing stations and children must follow the enhanced hygiene guidelines that staff are encouraging them to follow, including social distancing throughout their time in school.

Yours sincerely,



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