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Dear Parents/Carers,

The government have now confirmed that, following their review of the scientific data, there should be a wider opening of schools for children in Years 10 and 12 from the 15th June at the earliest.

I can now confirm that your child's school will be in contact with you shortly to confirm the arrangements for children in Year 10 and 12. Our schools will be offering a provision based on the government guidance for secondary schools that states:

'secondary pupils facing exams next year (current Year 10 and 12) will get some face-to-face support from their teachers this term...secondary schools should plan on the basis that from the week commencing 15 June, they can invite Year 10 and 12 pupils back into school for some face-to-face support with their teachers...we are asking secondary schools to offer this face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of Year 10 and Year 12 pupils, which should remain the predominant mode of education during this term for pupils in these year groups.'

You can access the full guidance [here](#). The government have also issued some guidance for parents and this can be accessed [here](#).

Keyworker and 'vulnerable' children provision will still continue in all of our schools for those year groups who are not being phased back into school. For all other year groups, the arrangements that have been in place since the 23rd March will continue. We will update parents if this changes however it is unlikely that children in Year 7, 8 and 9 will be back in school this term (except if they are keyworker/vulnerable children).

The school your child will return to will be a very different one to the one they are used to. Your child's school will send out information explaining about the practicalities of how they will operate when they open to more children. It is vitally important that parents/carers are also aware that your child's school has updated their Home/School Agreement for those families whose child/children are coming back onto site. You will be sent this shortly if you have indicated your child will be returning to school. It is vitally important that parents/carers and children read this and confirm with your school that you accept the new agreement. We may not be able to offer your child a place if you do not accept the expectations set out in this new home school agreement.

Parents should also be aware that some staff may be wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the form of face masks, gloves etc.

Your child's school has also updated their behaviour policy for this period of wider opening and has set out some additional rules. The main aim of these rules is to keep everybody safe and reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus and infection.

These additional rules are:

Social Distancing

We will follow the government guidance on social distancing and students must respect the 2m rule at all times and without exception. This applies at breaks and lunchtimes as well. There must be no

physical contact between students such as hugging, bumping, hand shaking, fist bumping, elbow bumping or anything similar that includes physical contact.

In classrooms, students must follow instructions from staff at all times and this is especially important with regards to seating instructions and entering and leaving classrooms.

Hygiene

There will be an expectation that students wash their hands/use hand sanitiser on a regular basis when in school. This includes when entering the building at the start of the day and also when coming back into the building following any breaks. Students must follow these procedures without exception.

Behaviour that wilfully and deliberately undermines the safety and hygiene measures that the school has put in place, or that risks the safety of students or staff, will not be tolerated. These incidents will be treated as serious breaches of the school's behaviour policy and sanctioned accordingly. Exclusion from school is one of the sanctions the school may use in response to a serious breach of the policy. Parents should also be aware that the school may involve the police in any incident where a student deliberately endangers the safety of anyone on the school site.


Examples of a serious breach of the behaviour policy might include:

- Deliberately ignoring the social distancing measures put in place by the school*
- Deliberately coughing, sneezing or spitting at or towards another student/member of staff*
- Refusal to follow the school rules on hygiene and hand washing*
- Spitting in general, such as in the playground*
- Behaviour or language that is intended to cause alarm or distress to students/staff about the current situation (this also applies to the use of social media).*

I am sure that parents/carers will agree that everyone in the school community has a responsibility to act in a manner that ensures that everyone is safe. I would ask that you ensure your child is aware of these expectations before they return to school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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