

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020

## Summer Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well. As we approach the half term holiday, I would like to thank you for your continued support over the past couple of months whilst you try to deal with the ever-changing health situation.

As I am sure you are aware, on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> May the Prime Minister asked schools and other childcare settings to start preparing for the possible phased reopening for some Year Groups from 1<sup>st</sup> June. The priority groups identified are Reception, Year 1, and Year 6. Furthermore schools and colleges have been asked to supplement remote education with some face to face support for those in Years 10 and 12. Further advice states that this includes 16 to 19 learners in the **first year of all two year study programmes**.

**We will initially continue the remote learning package and maintain the provision for children of key workers and those who are risk assessed as being vulnerable, as we have done this half term.**

We do however hope that, at some point during the summer term, to invite back the Year 12 students in very small groups (**with class sizes of no bigger than four**), for some face to face support with their exam work before the summer break.

**So that we are confident of student and teacher safety, we will:**

- Place desks 2 metres apart thus ensuring social distancing guidance is adhered to.
- Ensure that students will spend the vast majority of their time in the same classroom, at their own workstation, with their own resources.
- Stagger and reduce breaks and lunchtime thus minimising opportunity for contact. As a result, the school day will be slightly shorter.
- Request all students to eat a homemade or school packed lunch, which will be consumed at their individual workstation.
- Instruct and expect students to wash their hands upon entry and at regular intervals throughout the day. Hand sanitizers will be available and hand washing stations set up around the building.
- Clean classrooms and communal areas daily. Toilets, door handles, and hand washing stations will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Display social distancing signage and symbols clearly on walls and flooring inside and outside the building. Current displays to be covered up so that social distancing signage is clear and visible to all.
- Institute a one-way system of movement around the corridors and building.
- Remove excessive soft furnishings and unused furniture from the classrooms.
- Use a handheld temperature scanner to check students upon entry.

As more guidance becomes available, **we will amend and add** to our plans accordingly. The local authority will implement their own social distancing measures and risk assessments with respect to transport as reasonably and

safely as possible. These could include reduced number of students on transport, staff wearing PPE if required, students washing their hands before boarding etc.

Until we are confident we are able to safely offer the face to face sessions for Year 12 students, teachers will continue to send homework packs via post and email and contact you on a weekly basis to discuss queries you may have.

As I am sure you can appreciate this is an ever changing situation for all of us so we will continue to monitor and act on Government advice, which may ultimately result in the Year 12 plans being delayed or cease if the situation deteriorates.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

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