

27th May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Delayed Reopening to Year 10 Students

Following my recent letter, which advised of the phased reopening to a small number of Year 10 students daily from after half-term, which was dependent on the government's decision regarding reopening, I can now confirm that this **phased reopening will now be delayed until 15th June 2020** in line with the Government's most recent announcement.

We had been informed that we would be advised of the final reopening decision for Secondary School's on Thursday 28th May 2020, however, this announcement was brought forward to be made this weekend. As you would expect as a school we will work in line with this guidance and delay our plans until 15th June 2020.

This weekend the Government delivered its full guidance for secondary schools, which we have fully considered. Given our cautious, safety-first approach in our prior planning for reopening – we are confident that our plans more than meet those set out in the government's guidance. We are aware, however, that there were 42 amendments to the primary guidance over the course of a week. Given this level of potential change to the guidance we will review and republish our plans on 6th June 2020. These plans will almost certainly follow the content that we have already provided and as you would expect we will be in contact to discuss this with you.

As you would expect, this delay leaves us well prepared to open safely as of 15th June 2020. On Friday we completed all of our site preparations and trained all of our staff for reopening. The staff are very excited to see your children again. This week we have also received deliveries of antibacterial gels, soap, tissues, handtowels and PPE for use where necessary so we are fully prepared for 15th June.

We are keen to support Year 10 students as much as we can as they begin a vitally important year and despite this delay we will do all we can to help them achieve their potential. Please in the absence of face-to-face contact continue to support and challenge them to complete their work so that when they return they are in the best possible position. We know that 80% of the students in Year 10 have been regularly completing the work we set for them and that sets them in good stead for success next year – it is clear that students who have worked well during this period will have a considerable advantage in terms of examinations next year. As always if there is anything we can do to help – be it additional materials or support with catch up work – then please just let us know.

As always thank you for all of your support during this difficult time and we look forward to safely welcoming your sons/daughters back to the school from June 15th provided that there are no further delays.

Yours sincerely

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