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## Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well. As you will recall from my previous letter dated 26 May, we were awaiting further guidance on how we can implement in school support for Year 10. We have received the guidance which indicates we can start sessions from **Monday, 15 June**. We have had time to work through the guidance in detail and I am now in a position to outline our intentions. These plans will be presented to our Trustees on Monday, 8 June for final approval. As previously stated, the safety of our pupils, their families and staff is paramount, and this has been the key focus of our planning. The secondary guidance can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-quide-for-secondary-schools

The main principles of the guidance are ensuring social distancing rules are always adhered to, maintain consistent small groups where possible, only invite 25% of the year group in on any one day and remote learning should continue as the main form of learning. We have focused on ensuring that we can provide as much 'face-to-face' contact time with our pupils as is possible, whilst adhering to the requirements of social distancing and ensuring the safety of all.

## Year 10 Face-to-face Sessions

From Monday, 15 June we will be offering face-to-face lessons in school for 25% of the year 10 cohort each day. This will allow pupils to access lessons with subject specialists in their core subjects (English, Maths and Science). It is then our intention to offer teacher-pupil consultations on Fridays for wider subjects. The detail for this you will find in our 'Return to School Handbook' which is available with this letter.

Thank you for completing the survey we made available over Easter whereby you were asked to indicate whether you would be sending your child back to school. We are now asking parents/carers to complete a similar survey to sign up to these sessions. It is crucial for us to know exactly which pupils will be attending. Please can all parents/carers of Y10 pupils complete the survey by **no later than 4pm on Monday, 8 June** <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XBFYHJG">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XBFYHJG</a>

Please understand that if you don't sign up in this window, then you will be required to give two working days notice if you would like to sign up. Following final sign up and approval from the Trust board, we will write to all parents and carers with further details next Friday with the view to starting sessions the following week.

## **Home Learning**

In addition to the face-to-face contact Year 10 pupils will receive from Monday, 15 June, we will also be offering 'live online lessons' from Monday, 8 June for all year groups. These will allow pupils to engage with their teachers directly. More details will be communicated in separate correspondence and be made available on the school website. Initially, there will be a 'light' timetable for week



commencing Monday, 8 June to allow a smooth transition to this new way of learning, before a full timetable commencing from Monday, 15 June.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Dominic Pinto Head of School