

22nd May 2020

Dear parents/carers of Year 10 and 12 students

You will be aware that schools have been asked to consider some face-to-face support to Year 10 and 12 students before the summer. We expect a more complete announcement on 28th May which will confirm, delay or cancel these plans. Meanwhile, I am writing to explain what this might look like if we go ahead.

I want to reassure you that we are not going to be pressuring any student to come into school. We understand that some parents may not wish their son/daughter to attend. I can confirm that online learning will continue for all students whatever happens.

You will need to consider some important things before making any decisions. We will have to be flexible in operating in new and different ways. It is likely that if any early return occurs that:

- Your son/daughter will attend only for a limited time of a couple of hours at most on any one occasion. This would mean that we do not need to offer social times, e.g. breaks and mealtimes, which will minimise the chance of peer-to-peer contact.
- Normal social distancing, hand washing, etc. will be in place at all times. Students will not be able to mix in social groups.
- Staggered start times will be given to students to minimise congestion and contact. They will not be allowed on site until their allocated start time. They will need to leave the site as soon as their session is complete.
- Students will work individually with staff. Sessions will focus on looking at any barriers students are facing with online learning. They will identify subject specific concerns and make plans for future work before September. Staff will also consider any well being needs that are causing students concern.

Fuller details of these protocols will be available before any wider opening commences.

In preparation you will need to consider how your son/daughter might travel to school checking, where needed, the availability and safety of public transport.

Please note that if your child is clinically extremely vulnerable or living with someone who is in this group, they must not come back to school. If your child is clinically vulnerable you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school.

It would be helpful if you could complete a short survey in order to help our planning. Please follow the survey link to give us the details we will need to make further plans. If you have more than one child, please complete a survey for each child - <https://tinyurl.com/uhs-survey-y10-y11>.

It would be helpful if you could complete the survey immediately. Please note though that all responses must be with us by 3pm on Wednesday 27th May 2020.

I will, as usual, update parents as and when we know more.

Yours faithfully



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