

2nd June 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Year 10: Reopening of School – From 15th June 2020

We hope everyone remains safe and well.

In my previous letter I outlined our original intention to begin the process of reopening school for Year 10 and Year 12 pupils. Following that letter, The Government clarified their position and set a date of 15.06.20 as the date when secondary schools should begin to reopen. Within the same announcement, The Government set out clear guidelines on how this should take place.

A full copy of the guidance can be found here: www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-secondary-schools

This is a substantial letter as there is a great deal of information to share with you. To do this effectively and as clearly as possible, I will provide summary bullet points.

1. What are the headlines of The Government's guidelines on the reopening of secondary schools?

- From 15.06.20, there is to be some face to face support for Year 10 and Year 12 pupils to supplement their remote learning at home
- Remote learning at home should continue to be the predominant approach
- When in school, there can be no more than a quarter of pupils in at any one time and on any day – this includes Year 10, Year 12
- Rotas should not be used
- When in school, social distancing should be maintained at all times
- Timings of face to face support should not require pupils to travel at peak times of the day
- Public transport should be avoided if possible
- Additional measures should be put into place by school to reduce potential transmission of Coronavirus
- Schools will continue providing full-time provision for vulnerable pupils in all year groups
- Schools will continue providing full-time provision for children of critical workers in all year groups
- Schools will continue to use best endeavours to support all other pupils remaining at home

2. From 15.06.20, what will some face to face support for Year 10 look like?

- Each pupil in Year 10 will be assigned a reopening group (A to E)
- One group will receive face to face support in school on a given day
- The rest of the groups will continue to work from the website Home Learning Curriculum remotely
- When on site, pupils will be in lessons for 4 hours in total, with a break half way through
- Lessons will be subject specific and taught by specialist staff
- Lessons will teach new content to begin supporting pupils to catch up. The content will be selected to support their preparation for next year's examinations.
- The work on the website will enable practice and consolidation of this new content as well as further material for pupils to work through independently



3. What subjects will pupils study?

- Subjects will be different/ in a different combination each week
- By the end of term, pupils will have received 12 hours of core subjects and 8 hours of non-core subjects and options; 20 hours of new content taught by a subject specialist

4. When does my child need to be in school?

A personalised letter will be sent to you outlining the weekly timetable for your child for the five weeks of face to face support leading up to the end of term. Pupils will be on site for face to face support one day each week, starting at 09:40 and finishing at 14:20.

5. How should pupils travel to school and do they need to wear uniform?

- If possible, pupils should walk or cycle to school
- Public transport should be avoided if possible. If public transport is used, a face mask is advised. Pupils may also be dropped off and picked up by car. Car sharing with other families should not happen.
- When travelling to and from school (by whatever means) social distancing, good respiratory hygiene (catch it, kill it, bin it) and good hand hygiene should be observed at all times – pupils may wish to carry hand sanitiser
- Pupils should not wear uniform. Sensible clothes that can be washed regularly should be worn.

6. What are the timings of the day when they are in school for face to face support?

09:40 Line up/ Roll Call - Playground
 09:45 Socially Distanced Assembly - Playground
 10:00 Lesson 1
 12:00 Break for socially distanced, structured social time
 12:20 Lesson 2
 14:20 Staggered Departure – Upper Gate

7. What is the weekly group and subject rota?

This is the system we have put into place to ensure all pupils benefit from face to face support in all of the subjects for which they are sitting examinations next year. Here is what the whole rota looks like:



WB15.06.20	Year 10 Group	Year 10 Pupils		Year 12 Pupils
		Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Subject Block
Monday	A	Science	English	Block 5
Tuesday	B	English	Maths	Block 2
Wednesday	C	Maths	Science	Block 1
Thursday	D	Option 1	Option 2	Block 4
Friday	E	Hum/ BTEC	MFL/ BTEC	Block 3
WB22.06.20				
Monday	B	Science	English	Block 5
Tuesday	C	English	Maths	Block 2
Wednesday	D	Maths	Science	Block 1
Thursday	E	Option 1	Option 2	Block 4
Friday	A	Hum/ BTEC	MFL/ BTEC	Block 3
WB29.06.20				
Monday	C	Science	English	Block 5
Tuesday	D	English	Maths	Block 2
Wednesday	E	Maths	Science	Block 1
Thursday	A	Option 1	Option 2	Block 4
Friday	B	Hum/ BTEC	MFL/ BTEC	Block 3
WB06.07.20				
Monday	D	Science	English	Block 5
Tuesday	E	English	Maths	Block 2
Wednesday	A	Maths	Science	Block 1
Thursday	B	Option 1	Option 2	Block 4
Friday	C	Hum/ BTEC	MFL/ BTEC	Block 3
WB13.07.20				
Monday	E	Science	English	Block 5
Tuesday	A	English	Maths	Block 2
Wednesday	B	Maths	Science	Block 1
Thursday	C	Option 1	Option 2	Block 4
Friday	D	Hum/ BTEC	MFL/ BTEC	Block 3
END OF TERM				

8. Why do the groups of pupils rotate?

This is so that staff are in school on the same day each week. Without this, many of our staff would not be able to arrange childcare for their own children through nurseries and primary schools and so we would not be able to offer such a comprehensive face to face support package.

9. What health and safety measures have been put into place when pupils are on site?

- Pupils and staff will be socially distanced at all times. This has been achieved with floor markings, rearrangement of furniture in all rooms and will be enforced strictly by staff whilst pupils are on site
- Any pupil who fails to adhere to the health and safety rules will be sent home
- Pupils and staff will enter school through one door via a tent tunnel containing 3 infrared handwashing stations to enable all pupils to wash their hands with hot water for 20 seconds before entering the building

- Pupils and staff will also have their temperature checked with a contactless infrared thermometer
- Anyone displaying any COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed into school and will be sent home
- Break time will be outdoors and seated with social distancing
- Handwashing will take place again at the end of break as pupils re-enter the building
- All rooms will be cleaned and disinfected before use
- All corridors and public areas will be deep cleaned once per day
- All toilets, door handles and other frequently touched items will be disinfected three times per day
- Pupils nor staff will be allowed to bring items from home or take items home from school, apart from a drink and a snack which must not be shared with anyone else
- Stationery will be provided to staff and pupils in named pencil cases
- These will not be shared and will be sprayed with disinfectant each day

10. Will staff and pupils wear PPE?

At all times we will follow The Government guidelines on health and safety measures in schools. The guidance currently states that PPE and the wearing of masks in school is not recommended. Where PPE is needed or desired, it will work as follows:

- Pupils may wear a face mask but it remains their responsibility and do so at their own risk
- Staff may wear a face mask but it remains their responsibility and do so at their own risk
- Staff who are delivering first aid or personal care will be provided with PPE including an apron, a mask, gloves and if needed, a face shield

11. What will happen if my child, another child or a member of staff develops COVID-19 symptoms during the day?

- The child or staff member will be taken to the Believe Centre immediately
- They will be sent home and sent for testing
- Following the results of the test, The Government guidelines will be followed

12. Do I have to send my child to school?

Pupils have missed so much time from their education already. The face to face support we are providing will go some way to supporting pupils to catch up. Attendance is therefore recommended. However we recognise that some parents may feel they don't want to send their child to school yet. At present, parents will not be penalised for non-attendance. We will update you if The Government's position on this changes.

13. What if someone in our household is shielding?

The Government guidelines state: If a child, young person or a member of staff lives with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), including those who are pregnant, they can attend their education or childcare setting.



14. Will my child be able to buy food and a drink whilst at school?

- No. The canteen remains closed.
- We are continuing to provide FSM vouchers for all eligible children via the Edenred National Voucher Scheme.
- Pupils can bring a snack with them to eat at break time should they wish to.
- Pupils should bring a drink with them.

As stated in question 4 above, you will receive a personalised letter for your child's face to face support programme commencing week beginning 15.06.20. This will provide further details and enable you to liaise with a member of staff directly should you have any questions or concerns.

Pastoral care via email and telephone call from your child's Head of House will continue as it has so far since school closed, and online work for the days your child is not in school continues to be accessible via the website.

The following links provide further more general details relating to the phased re-opening of secondary schools from 15.06.20 and the continuation of home learning from 01.06.20:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers?utm_source=7be2ad88-13fc-4aad-b39d-36545b596d17&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

www.decschool.co.uk/working-at-home

In these unprecedented times, we hope that our careful planning for the reopening of school provides you with the necessary reassurance that we will always act to keep your child safe whilst beginning the process of reintegrating them back into school; beginning the catch up on the teaching they have missed out on during lockdown.

We look forward to welcoming the first group of Year 10 and 12 pupils on 15th June.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher