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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Re: Possible Re-opening of School to Year 10 and Online Learning via Microsoft Teams

We have been working on ways we can provide some face to face teaching and contact for our year 10 students, in line with the government request that students begin to return to school in a phased and controlled way.

At the moment, the Local Authority has given schools a clear direction that we must not open because the 5 government tests for safety cannot be met. They have pledged to issue further guidance on 15th June. Until that guidance is issued, we will remain closed to all but the children of key workers and those who are classed as vulnerable, who cannot be cared for safely within their own homes.

To try and address some of the gaps in learning that are being caused by this extended period of absence from school, we intend to offer year 10 students online lessons with their teachers, again at specific times of the day. A timetable for these lessons is given at the end of this letter. We do expect that all year 10 students will “attend” these virtual lessons, which will begin with the core subjects of Maths, English and Science for 2 weeks, then move into full curriculum delivery after this 2-week period.

Online lessons will commence week beginning 8th June at 9am, as detailed on the programme below. Students will be sent an invitation to their lesson, which will allow them access to it. Without an invitation, there is no access, meaning the class is restricted to those invited by the teacher. I have left teacher names on, which will hopefully mean something to the students, and jog their memory of who teaches them which subject!

The challenge of delivering and accessing lessons virtually is one that we must take on together and I am confident that with patience and tolerance on all sides, it will be successful. There will be some expectations in terms of online behaviour during lessons that we will explain to students. Online behaviour and other areas that require attention in response to the current Covid-19 situation have been added as an appendix to our behaviour code, which can be found on the school website. This is to ensure that all participants in learning of any form are able to enjoy the experience safely. I can offer you my assurance that using Microsoft Teams is a safe way to deliver lessons and has the full backing of the DFE as a platform. However, should you not wish your child to access lessons or mentoring using this platform, please will you telephone the main school switchboard and leave a message for Mrs Allan so that we can remove your child from the register and ensure you are not troubled with further telephone calls to chase up non-attendance to online classes.



If we are permitted to open on 15th June, we intend to offer all year 10 students the opportunity to attend a 1:1 mentoring session on a specific day at a pre-arranged time with a member of staff. A member of staff will be in telephone contact early next week to arrange this with you. If attending school is not possible, the opportunity for an online meeting using Microsoft Teams, which is a secure and safe site over which to converse, will be offered instead. The priority for us is to have live contact, either in person or virtually.

It has been said time and again that these are strange and unprecedented times, and I hope you are able to support us as we make the best sense we can of the position we find ourselves in.

Yours sincerely



Miss S Asquith
Headteacher

Timetable for online lesson delivery

From 8 June	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 – 10.00am	<u>Science</u> 1 CWS 2 NCO 3 SWH 4 KCN Ts1 SMD Ts2 SEL		<u>Science</u> 1 SMD 2 SEL 3 CWS 4 NCO Ts1 SWH Ts2 KCN	<u>English</u> SKR SHN CMY MPN DMN DMY	<u>English</u> SKR AHN CMY MPN DMN DMY
10.00 – 11.00am		<u>Maths</u> PGR LMG SFN DWK HES CLY EHD			<u>Science</u> 1 SWH 2 KCN 3 SMD 4 SEL Ts1 NCO Ts2 CWS

From 22 June	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 – 10.00am	<u>Science</u> 1 CWS 2 NCO 3 SWH 4 KCN Ts1 SMD Ts2 SEL	<u>Option A</u> Geog PWE DES Hist JPH MPS JYS Lit DMY RS ABW Triple Sc CWS/SWH KCN/ SEL	<u>Science</u> 1 SMD 2 SEL 3 CWS 4 NCO Ts1 SWH Ts2 KCN	<u>English</u> SKR AHN CMY MPN DMN DMY	<u>English</u> SKR SHN CMY MPN DMN DMY
10.00 – 11.00am	<u>Option B</u> Child Dev SBS Finance DWK French JPN Geog PWE DES Hist JPH Sport St TWG EDP	<u>Maths</u> PGR LMG SFN DWK HES CLY EHD	<u>Option C</u> Geog PWE Hist MPS Art SBL CM GLS CS MAH JMY Perf Arts RWS SBS Textiles ABH	<u>Option D</u> CM GLS CS MAH DT RJS Food SBN Finance DWK HES Photog PA SBL	<u>Science</u> 1 SWH 2 KCN 3 SMD 4 SEL Ts1 NCO Ts2 CWS