

Dear <RecipientSalutation>

As you know from my previous emails, we have had a plan in place for our Year 10 students if the Director of Public Health stated that Lancashire schools were able to begin with a programme of wider opening for Year 10s. This email is about how we are implementing this plan and the information that we need from you.

First wave of In-School Support for Home School Learning already underway:

There are already groups of Year 10 students who we have contacted who are accessing our "In-School Support for Home-School Learning" from this week and into next week in the first wave of this support. These students and their parents have already been contacted and arrangements made.

Planning In-School Support for Home School Learning from Monday 29th June for further groups of Year 10 students:

Many of our students have been managing with their home-school learning superbly, but others have found it much harder. That may be because access to a laptop/PC is limited or they may just not have understood all of the tasks that have been set.

We are now ready to plan and implement the next phase of support over the four weeks from 29th June with the programme of "In-School Support for Home-School Learning." To help us to do this I am asking all Year 10 parents to spend some time with your son/daughter to complete [this form](https://forms.gle/8caafnFDPxhxtamN6): <https://forms.gle/8caafnFDPxhxtamN6>

We will use the feedback from these forms, with our own knowledge of students' engagement with learning, to schedule the programme of In-School Support for Home Learning that will take place over the four weeks from Monday 29th June.

What will "In-School Support for Home School Learning" look like?

- It is important to understand that these days in school before the summer are not going to be like a normal day in school.
- "In-School Support for Home-School Learning" will take place with small pods of about 8 students with up to 4 pods of students in school at any one time.
- You will attend school at a specific time on a specified date.
- Support will probably not be with your child's subject teacher. It is a way of allowing Year 10 students to have some interaction with the specialist staff at Balshaw's to support the work they are doing at home.
- The focus is on ensuring that students know exactly what should have been done in Maths, English and Science with some time in the afternoon for supported independent study.
- Two metre distancing will be adhered to at all times. Students who do not adhere to a strict two metre distancing in their way to/from school will not be allowed to enter

the school, in line with the government guidance and the need for schools to be able to support the Track and Trace initiative.

I don't think that my child will gain much from this form of support:

We also understand that your child may be managing very well with their Home-Schooling and you and they may feel that they will not get much benefit from this form of support. In this case, there will also be the option of an online meeting with you and your child so that you can speak to a member of staff about your child's learning during lockdown. If this is your preferred way of having interaction with school there is the option to choose this on the form and we will provide you with a time and a link for an online meeting.

So what happens next?

Two things:

- Please [complete the online form](#) about your child's engagement with home learning.
- Let us know on this form if you would rather have an online discussion about your child's learning rather than send them to school (typically the pattern across the country seems to be that about 25% of parents are keeping their children at home).

Using this information, we will schedule the pods of students and the dates that they will attend school from Monday 29th June.

The purpose of this approach is to make sure that we know that all students are more or less at the same point in their home learning by the start of the summer holiday so that we know exactly where we can pick up in September with our 'recovery curriculum' depending upon the guidance at the time.

We will contact you again next week once we have collated the data from all of your forms. The deadline for [completion of these forms](#) is Monday 22nd June.

Kind regards,

Mr Steven Haycocks

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Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path. (Psalm 119, vs 105)