

8th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

The Return of Year 10

Thank you once again for your patience. This is a very challenging situation and the guidance for schools has changed frequently, at times on a daily basis. However, we now have a clear roadmap from the Government as to how Secondary schools should reopen to further support the learning of our year 10 students.

It is important to note that as it stands there are no plans for Secondary schools to reopen during this academic year for years 7, 8 and 9. Students in these year groups should continue to follow the suggested work either using the workbooks or on the online offer.

We intend, as it stands, to reopen for year 10 students from Tuesday 16 June 2020. The reopening will follow the DfE guidelines, which are stated below: -

- A maximum of a quarter of the year group at any one time. At Aspire this means a maximum of 40 year 10 students on a daily basis. Therefore, students will only be in for one day per week for the remaining 5 weeks of the academic year.
- Students in year 10 will get face to face contact with their teachers. At Aspire every student in year 10 will, on the day that they attend, receive a lesson of English, maths and science taught by a specialist (either face to face or via live video link) and be given the opportunity to study, with support, their option subjects.
- Stringent social distancing must be in place. There will be a maximum number of 10 students per group. They will be taught in the same classroom and be taught/supported by the same teacher.

During the 4 days that students are not in school they will be expected to complete specific tasks set by their teachers and the remote learning activities set out on the school website. Each quarter year group (named after Lakeland fells) will be split into 4 groups of 10 students. Each group or 'bubble' as we are calling them will be assigned a Lead Teacher. This teacher will be responsible for supporting their learning whilst in school and will contact home on a weekly basis (this will replace the current weekly wellbeing call) to help with any issues around the home learning that must continue in addition to the school provision.

The provision in school for year 10 on any given day can be seen below. Students should arrive at their designated entrance for 9.20am so that lessons can start promptly at 9.30am.

Bow Fell	Period 1 9.30- 10.30am	Period 2 10.30- 11.30am	Break* 11.30- 11.50am	Period 3 11.50 – 12.50pm	Lunch/tutorial 12.50 – 1.20pm/ 1.20 – 1.50pm	Period 4 1.50 – 2.45pm
Group A	Maths	English	In room	Science	Lunch then Tutorial	Study
Group B	Maths	English	In room	Science	Lunch then Tutorial	Study
Group C	Maths	English	In room	Science	Tutorial then Lunch	Study
Group D	Maths	English	In room	Science	Tutorial then Lunch	Study

Parents will be allocated, via a posted version of this letter, a specific day for their child to attend Aspire and a specific group, which will have its own specific entrance to school. It is vital that students arrive at the correct entrance. Clearly, this is a public health crisis and the behaviour and conduct expectations of all students are exceptionally high. Any student that does not follow the clear rules set out in the behaviour policy (which can be viewed on line) will be sent home with immediate effect and not allowed to return until a risk assessment is put in place. Due to the unusual situation and potential issues replacing items of uniform that may now be too small, students are not required to wear uniform for the final 5 weeks of this term.

At Aspire we have followed the Government guidelines and we have a stringent risk assessment in place to ensure everyone in school is kept safe. The lessons we have devised ensures every child has access to specialist teaching over the remaining 5 weeks of term. We now need to find out whether you wish for your child to access the provision. Therefore, can I ask that all families complete this new survey:

<https://forms.gle/23txc3UmWwiANkUh9> so that we can plan for exact numbers. If at this time you do not wish to send your child into school but change your mind in the future then you can apply for the provision using the admin@aspire.fcat.org.uk email address.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to send them in via the above email or discuss them with the member of staff who rings you weekly.

Warmest regards,

John Woods
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