

May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

The weeks certainly seem to go by very quickly but there is no greater clarity regarding what is expected of secondary schools with a wider opening to Year 10 than there was this time last week. Schools are still waiting the specific guidance for secondary schools from the Department for Education. We continue to plan staffing, develop the risk assessment, order additional cleaning and PPE products and generally prepare some tentative plans for what we might be able to do with Year 10 in a phased return and we will keep you informed as more precise plans emerge.

### **Half Term**

The school will be closed to students during the half term week as we had no request for places. I hope all our students and staff manage to have a break despite the current restrictions. School will open again on June 1<sup>st</sup> for the children of key workers and those deemed vulnerable. As I said last week, please do let me know if you now wish your son or daughter to attend school because you are a key worker who is returning to work in June. Unfortunately I cannot allow students just to turn up because I need to plan appropriate numbers of staff to be in for safeguarding purposes.

### **Free School Meals**

The Local Authority have said we can now provide vouchers to cover the half term. Yesterday we ordered vouchers to cover a period of FOUR weeks up to June 19<sup>th</sup>. This will reduce the administration of the voucher scheme in school and for yourselves.

### **Domestic Violence**

Sadly, we are all too aware that the current lockdown has aggravated the domestic violence that some people live with. Please find attached to this newsletter a poster with information and relevant telephone numbers that we have been asked to circulate.

Please continue to stay safe

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