

Dear all,

I hope you and your family are all well. I am sending this message to you as you have a child who is currently in either Year 10 or Year 12.

On 24 May the Prime Minister announced that secondary schools should plan on the basis that from the week commencing 15 June, they can invite year 10 and 12 pupils back into school for some face-to-face support with their teachers. The face-to-face support is to supplement the remote education of year 10 and year 12 pupils, which will remain the predominant mode of education during this term for pupils in these year groups. This was subject to the government's 5 tests being met, something that was deemed to be in place on 28th May and was then accompanied by the Government guidance on 25th May and a report from the SAGE scientific group late on the 28th of May.

While the school's leadership have been doing a lot of work on scenario planning for a more pupils coming into school, we have not been able to formalise that planning without the details that have only recently become available. We are working on draft risk assessment documents as well as pupil and staff timetables to fit within the guidance that has been issued. We had hoped to be able to share these with governors on Tuesday 2nd June but the information that we needed to produce these was not available to us in time to do so. Therefore, this meeting of governors has been moved to Monday 8th June to allow risk assessments and timetables to be at an advanced stage so that they can be shared with governors before the weekend for their input. Our aim is to be able to share risk assessments with our staff and unions on Tuesday 9th June.

Thank you too for your patience on this matter as I know it is a stressful and worrying time. I plan to be able to share our plans with yourselves early next week once we have finalised them - alongside our risk assessment which I will also of course share. One thing is clear though and that this is to supplement online teaching which is to remain the predominate means of education. I want people to be aware that the guidance does not allow us to have whole year groups in school and that face to face sessions will not be full days of teaching but probably half a dozen sessions of between an hour-and-a-half and three hours between the 15th June and the end of term.

The focus of these face to face sessions will be to check on wellbeing, to re-establish connection between pupils and teachers, to check on progress with Google Classroom and for the teacher to be able to make an assessment of what needs to be built into planning for the next academic year.

I hope you understand why we are not yet in a position to share everything with you, but I wanted to reassure that it is in hand and details will follow as soon as we can share them.

Thanks for all your support for our children, families and for each other.

Best wishes,

Paul Quinn

Headteacher