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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to update you with the latest information regarding the wider reopening of Montgomery Academy in June following the Prime Minister's announcements last weekend and the now published guidance for secondary schools. The government amended the start date for Year 10 students returning for some face-to-face support to the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> June. **The guidance also sets a maximum of one quarter of Year 10 being in school on any one day.**

## Year 10 students

Therefore, we will run our staff training on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June then have a quarter of Year 10 in on the remaining four days of that week. This will be the pattern for the remaining weeks until the Summer holiday. This will mean that Year 10 students will attend one full day a week to support the continuation of their 'home learning'. On top of this one day a week, a few Year 10 students who have been really struggling with their independent study will receive some 'further' support on the remaining Mondays starting the 22<sup>nd</sup> June. **So, the first time any Year 10 students will be in will be Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June.**

Thank you to all parents/carers that have already completed the "*Year 10 Parent/Carer information form for wider opening in June*" electronic form. There has been a generally positive response to a wider opening for Year 10 students. If you did not receive a link to this form then please email [admin@montgomery.fcat.org.uk](mailto:admin@montgomery.fcat.org.uk) and we will send you the link. It is very important that this is completed as we will be contacting parents in the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June, who wish to send their child back in to school, to inform them which day their son or daughter is to attend each week. Your feelings may have changed following the government announcements at the weekend. If this is the case then please feel free to complete the online form again and we will ignore your previous answers. Any parents who have not submitted a form by Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> will not be offered a place in the week beginning June 15<sup>th</sup>. The current government guidance states that students, who are living in a household where there is person classed as extremely clinically vulnerable, should not attend school and continue to access their remote learning from home.

We are working hard to prepare for opening the academy to more students whilst maintaining strict social distancing and hygiene rules. Classes working in classrooms will be a maximum of 10, though some bigger groups may be taught in the Hall. Breaks/lunches/start and finish times will be staggered. Lunch will be a cold food grab bag that will be ordered in the morning, unless students bring their own packed lunch. I need to stress to both students and parents that school will not be a particularly social occasion. They will be in a group of 10, selected by the school, that they will stay in for the whole day. They will be in the same classroom for most of the day and the same seat. Breaks and lunches will be supervised

though socialising will be limited. I will write to Year 10 parents again before Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June to give further details on what the provision will look like. Year 10 students who do not attend will still receive their remote learning work as usual.

### Children of critical workers and vulnerable children

We will continue to be open for these children, as we have been over the entirety of lockdown. However, parents and students need to be aware that expectations of them in school will be different when Year 10 children return such as we will not be able to offer hot meals and they will be supervised in smaller groups than they are at present.

### Year 7, 8 and 9 students

If you are a parent/carer of a Year 7, 8 or 9 student, then unfortunately under current government guidance we will not see your child until after the Summer holiday. It is very important that they continue to work through their remote learning so they do not fall further behind.

### Remote learning update for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students

The next set of online work for Years 7-9 is due to be released on our website from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Year 10 work for the week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June is already planned for them and is on the website. Please could all parents and students look out for work/activities on the website (including Seneca codes) from Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Morton and their class teachers via either Google Classroom or ClassCharts.

### Year 11 students

The current government guidance does say that no other year groups should be in school other than Year 10 and children of keyworkers and vulnerable children. I know that Year 11 tutors have made calls to families of Year 11 students in the last few weeks and we understand the anxieties felt as to their next steps. We will do our utmost to support our Year 11 students in the remaining weeks before the summer term and on Results Day to secure next steps at providers such as Blackpool Sixth Form College or Blackpool & Fylde College. Please ensure that Year 11 continue with their remote learning, particularly in subjects they are going to pursue further or ones they need to secure places at either of the colleges. If students or parents feel they need further support in careers guidance then please let us know.

Yours faithfully,



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