

Monday, June 15, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to start by thanking parents for their support this week as we have increased the number of children in school and also changed our approach to home learning for years 7 to 10. It has been a real pleasure to have more children in school this week; we have been so pleased to see them and hope they have had a good week in school. I wanted to provide some more information regarding our phased approach to opening following the various government announcements this week.

Year 10

We are looking forward to welcoming year 10 students back into school from the 15th June for one day a week in the first instance. A letter confirming arrangements has been sent home.

Reception Classes

I am pleased to inform parents that we will be in a position to reopen to children in Reception from Monday 22nd June. Specific information will follow for parents of Reception aged children although to help and support our planning, we would appreciate parents completing the form on the academy website to indicate whether they intend for their children to return.

Years 2-5

The government has now indicated that we can look to bring more children back, assuming we are able to follow the same rules for them as we have for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. This has required double the number of staff per year group. In addition to this, at present, 6 of our primary teachers are working from home due to pre-existing conditions, which make them clinically vulnerable. This makes the return of further year groups difficult. At present the numbers of children who have returned mean we may have some teachers left to be able to return some children from another year group before summer. We will not know if this is the case until Reception children have returned and numbers have settled in the other year groups. As a reminder the Government has prioritised these year groups not the academy. If we can increase opening and do it safely we will do so but we will not compromise the safety of students and staff by rushing to return children before it is safe to do so.

Years 7-9

Whilst it is looking unlikely that we will be able to return another secondary year group before September, we are investigating the possibility of increasing face to face contact with children in order to support us in monitoring home learning and to 'check in' face to face with children.

Yours sincerely,

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