

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you, your family and your friends are all safe and well.

You will undoubtedly be aware that the Government have outlined plans for schools to offer 'Year 10 students some level of face-to-face support, to consolidate remote learning', before the end of the academic year. I await further detail on whether or not these plans will proceed but intend to make provisional arrangements in the meantime.

The whole debate around whether schools should extend provision (over and above that being offered to the children of Key Workers, children with special educational needs and disabilities and vulnerable students) is polarising opinion at the moment. All I can do is promise that I, and my Leadership Team, will do everything we can realistically do to provide the safest on-site provision possible, for Year 10 students and staff, between now and the end of the academic year in July. Please understand, in advance, that we will not be able to mirror the conventional curriculum model that we were all used to before the lockdown commenced.

As things stand, it is incredibly difficult to make plans without knowing which families do, and do not, wish to access on-site support sessions for their daughter. In view of this, I would really appreciate it if you could complete a survey by accessing the link below. This will enable us to start planning for how we will deliver on-site sessions as safely and effectively as possible.

You will notice that the survey highlights the need for all students, who will be attending, to have a mentoring/wellbeing meeting with staff, on-site, before support sessions start. It is really crucial that we do this in order to check on how our students are coping and outline, to them, the safety protocols will need to be in place. Clearly it would be highly dangerous for your daughter to have to 'figure out' health and safety protocols as she transits around the school on the first morning she returns with other students. We have restricted this meeting to a maximum of one parent/carer, the student and one staff member. Please understand that this is only to minimise the amount of different people accessing a site that is still being used by staff and the students mentioned above.

The survey will be live until midnight on Wednesday 29 May 2020. Please do take time to complete it before then. After this point, we will be working on arranging individual meetings and assigning students to subject groupings. On-site support sessions will be offered once we have allocated staff to groups and formulated a safe site plan based on the numbers confirmed. Further details will follow once we have completed this part of the process.

Thank you all so much for all the support you have given to both your daughter and the school during this extremely difficult time. On behalf of all of my staff; I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful half-term holiday and look forward to seeing you all again as soon as it is safe to do so.

[Year 10 phased return survey](#)

Yours faithfully

Chris Keating