

19 May 2020

Dear parent or carer

I hope my message finds you and your family well.

Further to recent government guidance and information you will have received about plans to stagger student returns to academy to reduce the number people in our buildings at any one time, I would like to reiterate that the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff remains our number one priority.

It is for this reason that we have also taken the decision to re-open our academy from Monday 8 June at the earliest instead of Monday 1 June, for a targeted group of year 10 and year 12 students, with further information below. This is in line with the government's guidance which has given schools and academies the flexibility to re-open from 1 June 'at the earliest' and when we are best placed to do so.

Whilst we all understand the benefits of our students being back in their academy, we're also clear that for this to happen we must ensure that they have the safest possible conditions when they return.

An additional week will give us the time we need to get our re-opening absolutely right, including more time with our staff to plan the detailed safety measures we are putting into place before our students return.

It is also the case that government ministers are not due to make a final decision on their school reopening plans until 28 May, so it is important that we have enough time to take the appropriate actions in case the government should change their guidance at that late stage.

I hope parents and carers will understand our decision at this challenging time. I want to reassure you that with your support, we will do whatever we can to ensure that our students return to the safest possible environment when we re-open.

Year 10

Year 10 students will be invited back into school in phases. We will begin consultation with the parents of invited groups of children in the coming days, and further information will be sent to affected students. If students are completing the school work from home, and are therefore progressing through the curriculum effectively, they will not be asked to attend the Academy for a number of weeks yet.

Year 12

Year 12 will be welcomed back to school on a part-time basis from 8th June. The Post 16 team will be communicating plans and timetables via letter and the year group's Google Classroom this week.



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I thank you again for everything you are doing for our academy, and I will be sure to keep in close contact with you so you have all the information you need about our plans for re-opening.

Yours sincerely,



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