

12<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Update letter for families – 12<sup>th</sup> May**

On Sunday evening, the Prime Minister outlined plans for the next stage in the national response to the Covid-19 pandemic. This was followed yesterday by more developed guidance for families and schools from the Department for Education on how the opening of schools may be extended in the coming weeks and months. That guidance for families [can be read here](#).

The aims set out by the government require careful planning. Every school has different challenges and circumstances to consider when planning how to re-open safely. You can read about how the government are asking schools to plan [in this document](#).

The government's aim is that schools will begin 'some face to face support with Year 10 and 12 pupils, although we do not expect these pupils to attend on a full-time basis at this stage'. Clearly, there are many ways in which this can be achieved, and the precise nature of that support and contact with teachers now requires planning.

Currently there is no indication that pupils in Years 7, 8, 9, 11 or 13 will be expected to return to school before the summer holidays.

The remote and online learning we have been providing will continue for all year groups.

The childcare provision that we are currently operating in school for the children of key workers and vulnerable pupils remains open. The criteria for eligibility and definition of 'key worker' classification remains the same and [can be viewed here](#). We continue to encourage those eligible to [complete the survey linked here](#).

I understand that people will feel differently about returning to school. Some are very eager to get back to work and some 'normality' as soon as possible, others are highly concerned and anxious about the risks and implications. Please be assured that our priority will be to implement the guidance we have been given as effectively as possible to ensure the safety of students and staff.

We are now actively planning to make the necessary arrangements to implement safely what the government are asking schools to do. We will be in touch again in due course to advise you on the precise arrangements that will be in place after 1<sup>st</sup> June. I ask for your patience over the coming days while we do this.

Yours faithfully



Richard Spencer  
Principal