

12th May 2020

Dear parents and carers,

You will be aware that guidance was issued by the government on Monday evening this week, with regard to beginning some face-to-face support for Year 10 and 12 students from their teachers. Our three headteachers and I have already met today to discuss how best to provide this support whilst continuing to maintain on-line learning for all students, as well as the provision for key workers' and other children who are already coming into our schools on a daily basis.

I should make clear that there is no expectation of a return to full-time, in-school provision for any students. We do, of-course, share the view that Years 12 and 10 are key year groups preparing for external examinations next summer and will be putting in place plans to enhance this and, in line with the government guidance, we shall provide *"some support to supplement pupils' remote education"*. However, it would only add to uncertainty, anxiety and unhelpful speculation, if we were to outline plans which are, at present, only our initial thinking.

Be assured we shall be giving very careful consideration to issues of safety, protective measures which will need to be put in place for students as well as for our staff, and the educational priorities for the students concerned.

Your child's headteacher will contact parents of Years 10 and 12 next week with more information about the arrangements we will have agreed. In the meantime, I should like to thank the very many parents who have been so supportive of your children's home-learning and, on your behalf, to thank the staff who are working hard to engage students and to foster their learning.

Kind regards,



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