



5th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer (cc. Y12 students),

As you know, the government has requested that secondary schools and sixth form colleges introduce some face-to-face contact to supplement students' remote learning from 15 June onwards. I wish to outline our plans which will commence on Monday 15 June provided there are no further changes or updates in government or public health policy.

### What we plan to do:

- invite Y12 students into school for one (or in some cases two) lessons per week in each of their A-level subjects;
- devise class sizes in accordance with social distancing measures, taking into account the dimensions of the rooms we are using - no larger than 18 (in the large study centre) and as small as 6;
- continue to teach all other lessons remotely via existing, established methods;
- avoid using passenger transport and school buses to minimise the risk of transmission.

**If your son/daughter cannot come to school without the school bus, you should note this when you book a place. We will liaise with you and NYCC passenger transport to ensure this is arranged, but your son/daughter will need to stay with us all day.**

**In order to prioritise the safety of our Y12s and staff, we have carried out a range of tasks, including:**

- completed a full risk assessment based upon a model provided by North Yorkshire County Council which includes numerous risk-reducing measures;
- arranged to install a hand sanitiser (alcohol-free) station at the entrance to the sixth form block, and will insist upon strict hygiene regimes;
- reviewed and increased our targeted cleaning plans;
- measured classrooms and ensured 2m social distancing can be observed;
- ensured students have a learning space that will not be used by others in between cleaning cycles;
- put up posters reminding students of their responsibilities;
- allocated the sixth form block to sixth form students only so they will not come into contact with other students accessing the school site and established a one-way system;
- stocked up on PPE for any staff who may need to break social distancing rules, for instance in dealing with a first aid incident;

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- drafted a separate letter to Y12 students setting out clearly the steps they must take to ensure the safety of other students and staff. Any deviance from this will be treated very seriously, although we do not expect sanctions to be necessary with our mature Y12 students.

### What will happen next?

Students will be sent a timetable and the aforementioned letter by Mr Weedy towards the end of next week. A copy of the letter will also be sent to you for your information.

To supplement their online learning further and to highlight pastoral care alongside academic progress, students are also encouraged to contact their tutor to arrange an online face-to-face meeting from 15 June onwards to discuss their general wellbeing, progress and any concerns about the coming weeks and months, including anything related to UCAS and next steps. Mr Weedy will also be available for meetings should the students wish to speak directly with him; as always, he can be contacted on [sixthform@stokesleyschool.org](mailto:sixthform@stokesleyschool.org).

### What do you need to do?

Following a conversation with your son/daughter, you must book a place for the Y12 face-to-face lessons by the end of **Tuesday 9 June** at the latest so we can finalise our plans. You (or your son/daughter) should do this by emailing [admin@stokesleyschool.org](mailto:admin@stokesleyschool.org) and stating:

- your son/daughter's name;
- that you wish to book a place at school from 15 June;
- whether you require North Yorkshire County Council school transport and therefore would like your son/daughter to stay in school all day when they are here for lessons.

### What if my son or daughter chooses not to attend?

We are aware that many of you are satisfied with the provision your son/daughter has been receiving during lockdown, and due to the varied advice from the government, SAGE, Independent SAGE and others, still lack confidence in sending your son/daughter back to school. We understand this completely. We are doing as much as possible to make a return to school as safe as we can, but cannot offer any guarantees. If, following discussions, your son/daughter wishes to stay at home for the remainder of this half term, we will not chase his/her attendance and will continue to provide online learning to the best of our ability. We will also share all materials from the face-to-face lessons with him/her directly. We would, of course, love to see our students sooner rather than later, but completely respect your difficult decision on this matter. **Having said this, your son/daughter must stay at home in the following circumstances:**

- if he/she is clinically extremely vulnerable, or lives with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable (definitions of these terms can be found on the [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) website);





- **if he/she is displaying any symptoms of COVID-19;**
- **if he/she is self-isolating due to -**
  - **family members in his/her household with symptoms prior to testing/confirmed cases;**
  - **notification from NHS Test and Trace; or**
  - **the school informing you of a confirmed case in his/her school 'pod' or class group.**

I would like to thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions at all, please contact Mr Weedy in the first instance [sixthform@stokesleyschool.org](mailto:sixthform@stokesleyschool.org).

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H. L. Millett  
Headteacher

