

8<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, can I thank you for your continued patience and feedback as we have continued to work on our plans to provide some face to face contact for students in Year 10 and 12 to support their remote learning. I know many of you and your children are anxious about this and will have wanted clarity on our plans and dates, however, I am sure you can appreciate how hard it has been for us to be clear given the national and local uncertainty.

**We are seeking to welcome students from Year 10 and Year 12 back into school for some face to face learning starting in the week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020.**

We are really excited and looking forward to seeing our students again in our school! Covid is not a risk which can be completely removed, but in the last few weeks we have worked hard ensure the school is ready to reduce the risks of Covid transmission as much as we possibly can. The actions we have taken so far are:

- A risk assessment and associated actions have been completed using Local Authority and DFE Guidance which is taken from the Health and Safety Executive and Public Health England. This process has been supported by colleagues from the Futures Trust with significant Health and Safety expertise alongside the schools Health and Safety advisors. The Chair of Governors has also completed a site walk to quality assure the approach. The full risk assessment is available to view on our website here <https://www.barrshill.coventry.sch.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-page/>, although the attached Parent Guide provides a summary;
- In order to complete the above, we also listened to parents' and students' concerns via our survey and during our regular phone calls. We followed a similar process with staff.

For planning purposes, we have adopted an approach of caution for the next phase of re-opening; we are following the technical advice we have received and safety is our first priority. In most key areas we are doing far more than the guidance suggests.

This week we will send out another survey (sorry to send another survey... but your feedback and comments are so useful to us in our planning!) so we can understand even more about your child's experiences during lockdown and how we can best plan to help them as they start to come back into school. This will enable us to ensure that the sessions are very personal to what your child needs.

### **What will year 10 and 12 students experience?**

Careful consideration has gone into these proposals and we are working within the Government guidance: This means that we can only have 25% of the students on site at any one time. Clearly this will limit what we are able offer on site for Year 10 and Year 12, however, we are confident that the sessions we have planned will bring a huge benefit to students that do attend. We think we can support them, teach them directly, and help ensure they are up to date with their work.

## **Year 10**

Year 10 students will be offered one session per week of 2.5 hours. The sessions will be in small groups of no more than 10 students per classroom so that we can ensure social distancing and that the teacher has proper time to support each student. They will be timed so that students can avoid travel at peak times. In addition, start and end times are staggered to further avoid mixing.

Each group will have face to face time with a teacher, initially to support and mentor students around their online learning and also help support their routines and wellbeing. There will be some direct teaching as part of the sessions, there will also be support with completing learning from the virtual school and crucially other specialist teachers streamed into the room to directly teach.

From the w/b: 22<sup>nd</sup> June as well as the face to face sessions in school which will continue weekly, we will add an extra timetable of 'live lessons' delivered via Microsoft Teams which students will be able to access from home via any device (phone, tablet, laptop). More details on this will follow as soon as we are able.

Each Year 10 student and their parents will receive a phone call this week from the school to explain when their session is and answer any questions or concerns you may have. This is a huge amount of phone calls to make so please bear with us, we will work through them as quickly as we can. I thought it important that it was done in this way so it was more personal and students and parents can raise any concerns.

## **Year 12**

Year 12 students will come into school for a 1 to 1 mentoring appointment each week. This will aim to provide them with academic mentoring, support their completion of work set via the live lessons they are already receiving through the virtual school and crucially, giving them the opportunity for direct support to complete their UCAS, Apprenticeship, job or College applications. In addition, it will focus on preparing for Year 13, wellbeing, and provide an opportunity to identify gaps in student understanding.

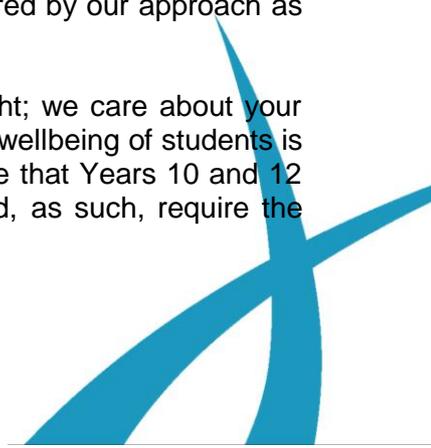
## **Key Worker and Vulnerable Students Provision**

The provision for Key Worker and Vulnerable students will continue to be full time and Year 10 and 12 students already in this provision should continue to attend full time. However, we will ensure they do not miss out on any of the plans for Year 10 and 12 sessions mentioned above. The same live lessons will be streamed to them and mentoring offered by teachers supporting them.

Students will not be expected to wear uniform, we understand that many students have grown out of uniform or do not have enough of it to ensure that is washed daily. The school has also launched a new uniform for September, so we do not expect parents to buy more of the old uniform at this stage for a short period prior to the summer. Students may wear any appropriate clothes but they should be machine washable and ideally washed daily when they return home. In September we will expect students to wear full uniform as normal.

I hope that the attached Parent Guide and the detailed risk assessment on the school website will provide answers to many of your questions, but also that you will be reassured by our approach as explained above.

We understand the uncertainty and anxiety that recent months have brought; we care about your children. We want to reassure parents and their children that the safety and wellbeing of students is paramount and is at the heart of the decisions that we made. We recognise that Years 10 and 12 are priority year groups as they face final public examinations in 2021 and, as such, require the



reassurance and guidance that face to face contact can bring. While this will inevitably include subject content and progression, along with support with distance learning, we know this will also involve rebuilding confidence and emotional resilience in our students. As I started this letter by saying, we are really excited to welcome them back into school and are really looking forward to working with them face to face.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We will be more than happy to talk to you. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C Jupp', written in a cursive style.

**Mr C Jupp**  
**Headteacher**

