



Dear Parents/Carers,

We know that many of you will be following the announcements made by the Government over the past two days. A lot of guidance was published for the first time yesterday evening.

A link for parents and carers was published here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

I want to share this with you now so that you know what we are reviewing at the moment.

Now that we have more guidance, we will be:

- working with you as parents and carers to understand your concerns and views so that we take this into consideration in our planning. When we issue a survey in the next few days, please do take time to complete this for us.
- conducting a detailed review of our site with advisors from Bellrock (the specialist company who manage our facilities). This will help us to plan for the changes we need to make to support hygiene and social distancing measures as we open to more pupils.
- working with our staff to understand their views and concerns to ensure that we have a very clear picture of who can be in school and who will need to work from home.

These initial actions will then enable us to consider in detail how we can support the Government's plans for the remainder of the summer term:

- all schools and colleges to plan so that all year 10 and year 12 pupils have some face to face contact with their teachers. We will ensure that pupils who have key exams next year have an understanding of how teachers will support them to stay on track with a blend of online study and attendance for some in school sessions

It is now clear that pupils in all other year groups who have not attended school since the closures in March are not likely to return to school until September.

We are already committed to:

- continuing to run our small school provision for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children
- continuing to provide vouchers to support our families eligible for free school meals
- submitting the required information to examination boards by the given deadlines
- ensuring that current year 11 and year 13 pupils are supported with the plans they have in place to transition to their next provision
- working closely with our primary partner schools to plan how we can support the experience for children transitioning to our school in September
- ensuring our distance learning resources continues to improve for all year groups

Our priority will always be the health and welfare of our pupils and our staff and so we will take as much time as we need to work out what we think is best for everyone. We are committed to consulting with you, keeping you informed and seeking advice and guidance as we develop our thoughts.

Yours faithfully,

Darren Turner

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