

10th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are well and finding your way through this uncertain and worrying time. Following recent Government Guidance, I am now in a position to give you more details in regard to the partial opening of school for Year 10 pupils.

We have carried our Risk Assessments, which are being continuously reviewed and acted upon. We have consulted with all school staff and Governors, trade unions, health and safety teams and Liverpool Local Authority to secure our planning.

Guidance from the Government and DfE states pupils should be given “some face to face contact to support remote learning”, which should be done predominately through remote teaching.

Schools are managing this in a variety of ways, we have given careful consideration to how we can best support our pupils as we move forward with them in their learning. From the week beginning 22nd June we are going to deliver teaching to our year 10 pupils through the current format we have been using and increase teaching through MS Teams, we already deliver in this way to year 12 pupils and we are finding it effective in ensuring our pupils learning and confidence is being secured. Pupils will receive training in order for them to fully access the benefits of this on line teaching platform.

Face-to-face support will be given to Year 10 pupils who are not engaging in their learning at the level we would expect, this will enable them to receive support which will be tailored to meet their needs at that particular time. This may require them meeting with staff in school, they will be invited by letter, email or phone call into school by appointment and parents will be informed of the same. It may not be possible for this meeting to be with their normal teacher but it will be with a member of staff who is able to support the issue being addressed.

There may be small groups of pupils invited in for some subject specific support which needs to be delivered by specialist subject staff, again contact will be made to invite pupils in should this be necessary.

There will be opportunities for more sensitive issues to be supported and managed, there will be pupils who need emotional and or social intervention, we are here to help. Mrs Lodge, Mrs Rock and our Pastoral Staff will be available to meet with pupils and their families where this is required.

We are aware of pupils who do not have access to digital devices for a variety of reasons and we are them supporting as appropriate. Please contact Mrs Rock if you have any concerns in regard to this.

Plans may change and may need to be adapted and whilst we will always try to give you the information you need in a timely manner I hope you will understand we may need to make changes very quickly.

Key information for pupils who are asked to attend school over the next 4 weeks

Many parts of our school do not look like they did when you were last in.

There are reminders and instructions placed in key areas to remind you of the importance of following Government and Public Health Guidance to keep ourselves and others safe.

All staff and pupils must adhere to the Social Distancing rules.

To reduce the number of people in close proximity to or entering the school site we are requesting parents do not drop pupils at or near the school gates.

Pupils should walk or cycle to school if possible, following Government Guidance to avoid using public transport.

Please do not enter the school site without a prior appointment.

Uniform

Pupils must wear full school uniform when asked to attend school. Please ensure clothes worn in school are washed after each day's attendance.

These are the most uncertain times we have ever experienced in our life time, as parents you will have many concerns as you try to navigate your way through your daughters learning, social life and the tensions this situation is presenting us all with.

I want to thank you for your support and encouragement as we try to find ways to support all members of our school community. I have heard and witnessed so many examples of kindness, sadness, sorrow and joy and although we are not able to be the physical presence we are so proud to be, we are with you and our pupils every step of the way. You, as parents and the young people you entrust in to our care bring strength and a sense of there being brighter days ahead for us all.

Thank you, stay well and stay safe.

Ms Clarke