

To Year 10 pupils from

Ms Clarke



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Firstly I hope you and your families are well. I really do miss you being in school and staff are looking forward to having you back in school as soon as the time is right for this to happen.



Thank you to all who completed the Year 10 Pupil Survey. Your views and comments are really important to us and help us understand what more we can do to help and support you. It also helps us give you advice and guidance as to what you can do to make sure you are keeping up with your learning from home and that you are prepared for when you return to school.



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In your responses to the survey you told us what you thought was going well and helping you.

- You told us that many teachers and other adults who work with you do give you a quick response to emails and questions . This is good to hear and I am sure it helps you.
- You mentioned there are subjects that are giving you good support and quick feedback on the work you have submitted, I know staff will be happy to hear this and they will be glad it is helping you.
- You liked it when teachers provided Power Points and emails giving you extra support and guidance.
- You said that teachers using voice overs to explain information on Power Points was really useful.



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- Another thing you found useful was how in some subjects you were given extension tasks if you had finished the initial work that had been set. This will help provide challenge and help you develop the confidence to tackle the more demanding aspects of these subjects
- I was interested to hear that you found the use of Goggle classroom videos to show you how to work through a problem and the use of voice overs was really helpful
- You said you appreciated singing lessons being delivered by Zoom, this makes my heart sing !
- You talked about how staff being flexible with deadlines was something you were very happy with



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Whilst there were lots of things that you told us were going well , there were also things that you felt we could do to try to help you manage the preparation to return to school



- One of the common concerns you expressed was about feeling anxious about returning to school.
- This is understandable and I would think that the majority of young people feel the same, your teachers and the adults that help and support you will be here waiting for you . From the 15th June there will be more contact with you from school , we will be asking about how you are feeling and then planning what we can do to help you start to think about returning to school.



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It's been along time for all of us to be away from school and we will make sure that know the plans we have for you from 15th June. I know its tough but try not to worry we will manage this with you and you will have the support you need.



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Many of you wanted to know about what measures have been taken for safety and social distancing.



Before we can reopen school we have to complete a very detailed Risk Assessment which considers all the plans we have put in place to ensure we have taken all the possible risks into account. The rules around social distancing will apply to everyone on the school site, staff, pupils and any visitors to the school, all of whom have to request to visit in advance and be given permission by me to do so.

Social distancing is a really important part of us all helping to manage Covid -19. We have put markings on the pathways and on corridors to help us all stick to the 2 metre apart rule, we have set desks so you will always be 2 metres away for everyone else. We have put a 1 way system in place so we can all move around school safely.



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You know how important it is to stick to the rules the Government have put in place to prevent any further spread of Covid-19 ,so we have to do the same in schools.



You asked what your timetables ,breaks and lunches may look like , great questions I thought, so thanks.

Most days we are getting Government updates and guidance as to what we are expected to do to support our pupils and their families , so we are constantly looking at how we can do the very best we can for you, under what are such uncertain circumstances. Somethings are still unclear but we do know that things when you come back will not be the same as before lockdown.

In September lots of things about the way school runs will be different, timetables probably won't run as they do now.



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Breaks and lunches will look different as it's doubtful we could have so many people in one place at once.



It is unlikely there will be big numbers of pupils in at any one time for the foreseeable future, remote learning may be the main way you will be taught and so learn. We are going to do lots of training with you and the staff to develop understanding of how we can use remote teaching to help your learning.

But you will be told beforehand how things will be, we will make sure we tell you about the arrangements and what they mean for all of us.



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Some of you told us that you had not as much work as you should have done since school closed and you asked if staff could be understanding about this.



Teachers know how important it is for you to keep up with your work , because they know the difference it makes to your learning and progress. But I know some of you will now wish you had done more work , all you can do is try to start doing more work now. It will make you feel better prepared for when you do come back to school. I know it is has been difficult, I know being at home for so long without the help and guidance from your teachers in the classroom has been a tough call. But you will see we have plans to help you through the next few weeks.



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Another thing that was worrying you was if you would have the chance to go over the work you should have done during the time you have been away from school.



Your teachers will help and support you, they will know what work you have and have not done and they will plan to address this. But you should try to start to do more work from now on. There is no point in worrying about what you haven't done , use your energy to do more from now on.



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You wanted to know if there would support if you needed it for your mental health when you return to school .

The answer is a simple yes, we are aware that many young people will need support with this, as will adults. None of us have ever experienced anything like this before so we will all work together to help each other. Your friends will also be with you , that will help ,as you will be able to talk things through. Remember it's important to talk to your parents or to Mrs Rock if you feel you need support. We are here for you, waiting for you to come back to school.



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You asked if we could let you know what the plans were for you for the next few weeks

We will be sending a letter to you and to your parents to give details of what we have planned for you for the next few weeks.

This will help you plan your work and prepare you for returning to school.

We will be here waiting for you and we will all get through this together. I, like all staff, have missed you and will be glad to see you back with us, your teachers and your friends



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