



18th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well and coping as well as can be expected in the current situation.

Following the Prime Minister's statement last week regarding the ambition to extend school opening for Year 10 pupils, we have been planning to see how this might be brought about in practice.

The government's aspiration for Year 10 pupils is not precise and speaks of some face to face time with teachers to supplement their remote learning. We are awaiting further detailed guidance and we are aware that any increase in the number of pupils coming into school is dependent on the health crisis not significantly worsening.

Over the next weeks, we will put together a safe and workable plan for providing more support for Year 10.

We do not wish to rush into making decisions and will ensure that any wider school opening is carefully managed with the aim of minimising risk. With this in mind, and in line with government guidance, it is likely that **any reintroduction of Year 10s will be after 1st June and not on this date.**

We will continue to be mindful of pupil and staff health and wellbeing. As soon as we have made any decisions on how and when school may start with Year 10 students, we will inform you. In the meantime, I would ask that as parents and carers you take this time to consider on what will be a personal decision you will have to make around sending your child back to school. In the near future, we will be asking for the views of Year 10 parent and carers on whether you intend to send your child in before the summer break. This information will inform our risk assessment and enable us to organise rooms and staffing most effectively.

School transport will be running but with significantly reduced capacity for social distancing. As a result, and to minimise the risk of further infection, we advise that, school buses and public transport only be used as a last resort and where possible, pupils should walk or cycle to school or be dropped off in a car by a member of their household.

As always, I thank you for your ongoing support and wish you and all your family every best wish.

D Callaghan
Headteacher