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Updated plans for school provision from 1 June 2020

Dear Parent and carers,

I hope your families are all well and safe.

Further to my letter sent to you on 14 May 2020, I am writing to update you on the work that has been done this week in response to the government's recent guidance for secondary schools to plan for some face to face support with Year 10 and 12 pupils on a part time basis from 1 June 2020.

We were promised further guidance from the DfE specifically for secondary school settings this week, which has not materialised. The implications for public health of potentially having greater numbers of secondary school students out and about in our communities is very significant. The discussions between local authorities, collective school union representatives and the DfE have brought these concerns into sharp focus.

We have developed a plan with the following health and safety measures being taken into account:

- Minimising contact with children and adults who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school
- Planning routines that clean hands more often than usual or using alcohol hand rub or sanitiser to ensure that all parts of the hands are covered
- Routines to promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- Enhanced cleaning regimes: cleaning frequently touched surfaces
- Minimising contact and mixing of individuals by altering the school environment, (classroom layout) and part time timetable approaches

We now have a plan that has undergone detailed risk assessments and puts in place appropriate control measures in readiness for a potential 1 June 2020 return for some Year 10 and Year 12 students on a part time basis. As soon as further guidance from the DfE for secondary schools has been received, we will amend the plan further if required, and share the detail with parents, carers and students at the earliest opportunity.

We recognise that this ongoing uncertainty may cause inconvenience for you and your children, but hope that you can appreciate the fact that we have to wait for further government direction around Covid -19 health and safety guidance for students and staff before any wider school opening.

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer any in school provision for students in years 7,8,9,11 and 13 at this time. We will however continue to provide work for students from 1 June 2020 through our existing arrangements. Following feedback from recent school surveys, we are developing approaches that will see the provision of a wider range of learning activities, together with the introduction of more on-line video-based lessons and opportunities for feedback and support from teachers. Further information on this will follow for all parents in due course. We plan to use 'Microsoft Teams' as the secure system to provide face to face video-based learning, and will not be using free to use products such as Zoom.

We will continue to offer provision for key worker families and vulnerable students each day, including next week 25-29 May 2020, and encourage parents to take advantage of this offer as work patterns change at home.

Thank you for your ongoing support throughout this crisis which tests us all on a daily basis. Our partnership, working together, is invaluable and greatly appreciated by the staff, governors and wider community.

Yours sincerely,

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