28th May 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I wanted to update you on the latest guidance we have received from the Department for Education regarding secondary schools re-opening for students in Years 10 and 12.

The Government has confirmed that the earliest date that schools can begin to provide some face to face teaching for these year groups has been changed to June 15th.

The Government guidance says that schools can have a maximum of 25 per cent of these year groups at school at any one time, with no more than 15 students in a classroom, sitting two metres apart from each other.

We want as many students as possible to have the opportunity to have face to face learning with their teachers. However, the safety, health and wellbeing of everyone in the school is of course our highest priority and our plans will be based around the restrictions on the numbers who can attend school and can be in classes together. As with all secondary schools, our remote learning provision will continue to be the main form of education that students receive.

To put the appropriate measures in place, we need to know how many students are likely to come to school if we re-open from June 15th for Years 10 and 12. We have had responses from most parents from these year groups, however if you are yet to confirm if your child will be attending please let us know by Monday 1st June. Once we know how many students to expect, we can then start to work out how and when they can return during the summer term.

If your child is eligible to attend our Community Classrooms for key worker and vulnerable children, they can do so regardless of which year group they are in. We will contact you if you have identified as a family that might need to access this provision to confirm if you wish to access this in the upcoming weeks. We will need advanced notice of this to support with planning, so please let us know. If your child has specific health vulnerabilities, they should not come to school. Further details are available here.

I will write to you again at the start of next week when I hope to be able to share our specific plans with you. In the meantime, please continue to encourage your child with their home learning.

With best wishes,

Sugra Alibhai
Senior Vice Principal