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Dear Parent/ Carer,

As you will no doubt be aware, on 10th May, the Government announced that Year 10 students were to have some face-to-face teaching from 15/06/20 to supplement their remote learning. As such, we have planned a series of key workshops for our Year 10 students, in addition to the current online package, which will remain our primary provision along with some additional solutions to remote learning planned for the coming weeks.

We fully understand the anxieties that arise from this first phase; however, we have been working hard to ensure that our plans put the health, safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and our community at the centre of any decisions. We plan to deliver lessons on a small scale, to minimise risk. We would not support this plan if we did not feel confident that this is in the best interests of our students and the wider community.

Smaller class sizes will be introduced to adhere to social distancing measures, and the requirement upon us to have no more than 25% of Year 10 in school at any one time. As a result of these restrictions, a return to regular attendance will not be possible, and it is anticipated most students will only attend some key workshops over the coming weeks.

Typically, there will be no more than 10 students in each classroom. To avoid unnecessary mixing, they will remain within small groups, known as a bubble, and whilst these might alter, they will be controlled for tracking purposes. Classrooms will be re-organised to maintain space between seats and desks; additional protocols will be in place for handwashing, sanitising as well as an enhanced schedule of cleaning.

Parents and carers will be contacted before the end of the week for the initial contact announced before half term, with a view to establish which students require telephone tutorials in preparation for this next stage. You will be required to state if you would like your child to attend these workshops so that we can plan our provision effectively and maximise the impact within the restricted hours we are able to offer under current guidelines.

Whatever you decide, your decision will be fully supported by everyone in school as we recognise each family will have their own circumstances to consider. It is important you give this matter serious thought in order to give us a definite answer. Students will then be invited into school based upon your response. You can, of course, change your mind later, however, this will need to be communicated to us a week in advance so your child can be allocated a specific bubble.

No student who is clinically vulnerable will be required to attend, however, they will instead receive an enhanced remote learning package.

Further information will be sent out when we have gathered all parent responses, as well as the usual updates on our school newsletter.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Moran

Deputy Headteacher.