



Friday 29th May

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all managed to enjoy the 'sunny' half term break. Our normal bulletin will continue next week, but I thought it was important to give a 'Headteacher update' following all the government announcements this week.

The government briefing last night confirmed that secondary schools can begin planning for some 'face to face' contact with Year 10 students from the 15th June.

The latest information from the government is:

From 15 June, secondary schools are able to offer face-to-face support for a quarter of the year 10 cohort at any one time. Alongside this the government is asking secondary schools to:

- 'continue providing provision for vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers in all year groups'

We will continue to provide this provision.

- 'provide some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10, with a clear expectation that remote education will continue to be the predominant form of education delivery for these year groups and that this should be of high quality. Schools have the flexibility to implement face-to-face support for year 10 pupils in the way that best suits their circumstances, including considerations around staff availability and workload. It is up to schools to decide how they want to use face-to-face support in the best interests of their pupils e.g. additional pastoral support, academic support, practical support, or a combination of these.'

We will continue with our plans to contact all of our Year 10 students via tutorial phone calls next week, followed by English and Maths subject tutorial phone calls the week after, where requested. This will help us to prepare for the 'face to face' contact programme and plan safe and effective provision within the government guidelines.

- 'continue to use best endeavours to support all other pupils remaining at home, making use of the available remote education support and ensuring a high quality offer'

It is very clear that remote education will continue for all year groups for the remainder of this term. For the next two weeks we will continue with our current provision. We then intend to follow a similar format but include some additional online subject tutorials and some phone call 'progress checks' to help us plan next steps in learning. Year 8 will have their provision adapted to include some 'pre-learning' for their option subjects.

We ask that our students continue to do their very best with the online learning provided and, if they cannot easily access it for any reason, please contact our enquiry email for support. If you need additional devices for your child to be able to access our online learning, please let us know or if they need a phone call to motivate them to get 'back on track' we are here to help! enquiry@holyfamilycarlton.org

We greatly miss all of our students and appreciate all their efforts in following the guidelines and keeping each other and everyone in their community safe.

Keep up those hobbies and send us photographs of your great work!

Yours faithfully,

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