



OLDFIELD SCHOOL

4th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your families are well and that you had an enjoyable and restful holiday.

I am writing to you to confirm that, following the government announcement on the wider opening of schools and the sharing of guidance for secondary school on implementing this, we will be putting in place some face to face teaching sessions for Year 10 and 12 students from 15th June onwards.

We are limited to having 80 students in school from either Year 10 or Year 12 at any time and have scheduled 10 days of in-school sessions from 15th June onwards to ensure that Year 10 have some time with a core subject teacher and Year 12 with one of their A Level teachers. We will be using classrooms on the periphery of the school site in Penn, the Drama Block, Malloy Block and Deval Block for these sessions, with the main school building continuing to be used for provision for key worker and vulnerable students. I am writing to parents of Year 10 and 12 students separately to outline how the in-school sessions will be delivered. It is possible that guidance from the DfE will change between now and the 15th June, if this is the case we may have to amend our plans for wider opening.

We have carried out a risk assessment with regards to operating the school during the COVID-19 pandemic and the measures that will be put in place to mitigate against risk for students, staff and visitors. The risk assessment can be accessed in the school policies section on the school website.

With regards to Years 7, 8 and 9 students we will continue to improve the quality of home learning throughout this term and this will, as previously indicated, include more teaching input from subject teachers in the form of pre-recorded lesson introductions that can be accessed via Show My Homework.

I have received a few enquiries on whether the school has plans to introduce face to face lessons via platforms such as Zoom for Key Stage 3 classes. At present we do not have plans to do this as there are a number of issues that would make this difficult to implement. The principle barrier for us is that a significant number of students are not be able to access learning of this nature and we are very conscious of the need to provide a curriculum that all of our students are able to access. The feedback that we are receiving from parents is that the current arrangements are working well for the great majority of students. We are investigating how we can build a position to remove this barrier in the longer term.

I will, of course, continue to update you will any developments with regards to home learning.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Yours faithfully

Mr Steven Mackay
Headteacher