

20 May 2020

Dear Parents, Carers & Students

Further to my recent letters following the central government's decision that Year 10 would return to school prior to the summer holiday, I would like to share our draft plan. I must emphasise that this is a draft, based on current guidance. The guidance may change which may impact our plan.

The principles surrounding all of our planning are that:

Student and staff safety remains the first priority

We will adhere to the current social distancing guidance at all times

For this to be worthwhile for our students, the on-site provision must be even better than our successful remote learning

Once we have confirmation of a return date from central government, we will have one house group of Year 10 students in school each day between 8:35-12:15. This will be no more than 27 students each day. Students will have 3 lessons each of English, mathematics, science with 2 hours home schooling for options subjects and further core provision.

Students will be split into 3 groups of 6-12 based on mathematics tiers. This broadly aligns to science sets. English is taught as mixed ability, so any groupings will work for English classes.

Students will remain in the same classroom working on their own individual table for all 3 lessons, with the teacher moving between rooms, having carefully disinfected the teacher space prior to leaving the previous space using antibacterial wipes provided. Before entering and immediately after leaving the classroom, all students will wash their hands. Hand sanitiser will be available in all classrooms.

We can accommodate 9 students keeping 2 metres apart in Art classrooms and 12 students keeping 2 metres apart in the large PE classroom in the Science corridor. We will be using 2 Art classrooms and the large PE classroom for lessons.

Break will be spent outside unless it is raining. If it is raining, we will use the Dining Hall and covered seating areas, which is plenty of space for us all to remain at least 2

meters apart at all times. We will not be serving food or drink, so students will need to bring in their own snack and a drink (non-fizzy/energy in line with our rules) for break if they wish to do so. Our contactless water dispensers will be available as usual.

Students will need to wear full uniform and bring in their own equipment as they will not be allowed to share this with or borrow from other students. The following equipment will be required - two pens, pencil, rubber, pencil sharpener, ruler, calculator and any books needed for English, mathematics or science lessons.

Below is the draft model timetable. Staff will be at school to welcome students and advise of which classroom they should attend.

8:35	Registration
8:50	Lesson 1
9:50	Lesson 2
10:50	Break
11:15	Lesson 3
12:15	Students dismissed

Monday	Green
Tuesday	Red
Wednesday	Yellow
Thursday	Blue

Teachers required for the 3 lessons will be joined on site by the Academic & Pastoral Leader for the House, pastoral staff, first aid staff and a member of the senior leadership team. Students will be fully supported in the same way as they would on any normal school day.

During the last 8 weeks, our school has been open to vulnerable and key worker children. This provision will continue. As a result of our safe working practices, our adherence to social distancing, our focused cleaning and disinfecting routines we have had no cases of children or staff becoming unwell with symptoms as a result of being at school. This gives me confidence that our site has been as safe as possible throughout this time. I am immensely grateful to all our staff who have been involved in keeping the school safe and clean.

As I mentioned on Monday, we are working within an ever-changing set of advice and guidance from central government, which is completely understandable as our country's situation changes. We will also expect updates from central government during the next 2 weeks relating to a Year 10 return date. The final decision on this will be reliant on scientific tests set out by the government, which will be reviewed on 28 May. The government's roadmap says: *"It is possible that the dates ... will be delayed if these conditions are not met. Changes will be announced at least 48 hours before coming into effect."*

Therefore, if I receive further detail from the government, I will write to you again. I will also write to you between 28th-31st May depending on the timing of any further announcement from central government, following their review on 28th May.

We are very much looking forward to seeing our Year 10 students again soon and these lessons will be incredibly helpful for them as we approach their final important year at Oakmoor.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Hemmings', written in a cursive style.

Mr P Hemmings
Headteacher