



18th May 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are writing to you following the letter sent last Wednesday to all families. Within that letter, it was explained that following the recent government announcements about schools and Coronavirus, secondary schools have been advised to plan some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of Year 10 students and that this would start from the week commencing the 1st June 2020 at the earliest. It is for this reason we are writing to you.

During last week, we received many additional pieces of information from both the government and local authority. Within this information, it is clear that:

- At present school is only open, as we have been since the closure of schools was announced, to students whose parents are key workers or to students who are classified as vulnerable.
- The decision on whether to open school to more students will only be made by the government when it reviews the latest science on the 28th May, and that if the evidence does not support this decision at that time, it will be delayed.
- The expectation is that schools should be planning to offer some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of Year 10. This will not be a return to full timetables or pupils back in school or college full time, rather some support to supplement pupils' remote education.
- For any increase in student numbers all schools have to produce a detailed risk assessment. As we write this letter, the local authority is still finalising this. Once received (we believe this will happen at the start of the week beginning 18th May), all schools have to adapt this to their own setting, have governor approval and then put in place any necessary actions.
- The final decision to open schools in Leicester City to more students is one to be taken by governing bodies.
- The week beginning the 1st June is a date which is the very earliest this can happen, and we must ensure safety measures have been implemented. Therefore, in reality schools will open sometime after this date.
- Once open, whilst there is a desire for students in Year 10 to engage in the part-time, face-to-face support to supplement the remote education, this is not compulsory and no fines for non-attendance will be issued by schools or the local authority.

Our greatest priority is to ensure that students and staff at Fullhurst are safe. Once we have, in accordance with all the national and local guidance, put the necessary measures in place to reduce risk and the government has announced that the 5 scientific measures have been met, we look forward to welcoming more students back to school. However, we must not rush this process.



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To try and provide some clarity to a currently very unclear national situation and considering all information, we believe that the earliest it is practicable for any additional students in Year 10 to return to school is from the week beginning the 8th June. As such all Year 10 students will continue with home learning during the entirety of the week beginning the 1st June.

At present, whilst we await the details on the risk assessment from the local authority, we are planning for the potential of some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of Year 10. To help with this planning please can you complete our survey for Year 10 parents and carers which can be found here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vZpzK31m7k-vZJKDRYEp9z-n-FLpD3IEm7-kA6vBQNJUM1hYOEozUEtWUK1DNV00SVFDQU9LV0VBNIQIQCN0PWcu>

If you could please complete this by Friday 22nd May it would be much appreciated.

As soon as we have received all of the necessary information to enable ourselves to finalise our plans for some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of Year 10 students, we will be back in contact with yourselves. As this is dependent on the government's decision on May the 28th our communication to you will only happen after this date, at the start of the week beginning the 1st June.

Thank you for your support during a very challenging period and we hope that you and your family are remaining safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

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