



An Active Learning Trust School



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Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware that recently the Government announced plans for the possibility of a phased return for some primary aged children in certain year groups and for the opportunity for students in Year 10 and Year 12 to attend school on a limited basis for 'face-to-face sessions to supplement remote education' from 1 June. **The Prime Minister has since re-issued guidance that secondary schools should provide some provision for Year 10 and 12 from 15 June.** Year 10 and 12 have been chosen by the Government as it is these year groups that will face external GCSE, A-Level and BTEC examinations next academic year.

Our current intention, following the latest guidance, is that from Monday 15 June we will be running some face-to-face sessions for students in the two identified age groups. The Department for Education (DfE) has set out a range of "protective measures" to ensure education settings remain safe places, including reducing class sizes, staggered break times, as well as increasing the frequency of cleaning and reducing the use of shared items.

To enable us to be confident that we are adhering to the guidance and to apply stringent social distancing measures will be delivering sessions in Mathematics, English and Science **from Monday 15 June to 29 June 2020 for Year 10. From Wednesday 17 June to 1 July we will also be providing support for Year 12.** We are inviting students in to attend in their teaching groups to enable them to continue working with their class teacher wherever possible. This will enable us to ensure that **all desks are at least 2 metres apart** and in a well ventilated room.

To ensure that this is the case all lessons will be delivered in the main hall utilising the large screen for all teaching. All hand sanitising will occur prior to entering the room and each student will work at their **own individual desk for the duration of the session.**

To avoid any social distancing concerns, we **will not be operating a break during the hour long sessions.** Once each session is finished all of the desks and will be sanitised and cleaned in readiness for the next group session. We also advise students not to travel to and from the Academy in large groups and that they should maintain social distancing and I have included a Government information sheet that outlines precautions for travel. If you intend to drop your child off at the Academy **please drop them outside the main entrance and then immediately leave the site.**

Details of the dates and timings for the sessions are on the attached sheet.

After this initial three-week period, we will review the subjects offered face-to-face. In conjunction with face-to-face sessions it is our intention to utilise a package that we have purchased called GCSE-Pod for Year 10 to compliment what is happening in the face-to-face sessions. Year 12 will also receive some live on-line teaching as is the case currently.

At the moment the additional in-house sessions are for Years 10 and 12 only and all other students should continue with the remote learning that they already undertaking.

Due to safeguarding concerns, we have to insist that you **respond to our on-line booking system** to inform us if your child will be attending as this will allow us to ensure that we can undertake accurate registration on the days that students are attending the Academy. Please use the following link to register your child.

<https://forms.gle/YeoRkH9sx8v2vPfJA>

Students will not be required to wear school uniform or bring any equipment as **we will be providing pens and other stationery** (this equipment will be refreshed after each session to avoid the potential for any transmission). There are also floor markers and other signage that will enable stringent social distancing.

A Neale Wade 'Return to School' booklet will be sent out to all Year 10 and Year 12 parents and carers on Friday 5 June to provide further details on all the above.

I know that some of you will have genuine concerns regarding your child's return to an educational setting so if you do not use the form to register your child's attendance, we will assume that you have chosen to keep your child at home. If you subsequently change your mind you can use the form to **let us know** that your child will be attending **at any time as this register will be monitored on a daily basis. It is my understanding that in the current situation non-attendance will not be subject to the usual procedures.**

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your understanding and for the very positive feedback that we have received regarding our current arrangements. I look forward to a time when all children can return to the Academy and resume their learning with their teachers and spend time with their friends.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Wing
Executive Principal

Back to school?

Is your child going back to school?

If possible, walk or cycle.



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