

15th May 2020

Dear Year 10 Parent(s) and Carer(s)

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

You may be aware that the government announced earlier this week that schools should prepare, when they are ready and it is safe to do so, to provide some face to face teaching to Year 10 students before the summer holidays. Full details on the guidance they have produced for parents and carers can be found on this link:

 $\frac{https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-l-june$

We are working hard with the Local Authority and other agencies to make sure any partial re-opening matches all relevant health and safety guidance to keep children, their families and staff safe. The health and safety of everyone in the school community is our first priority.

In the first instance, once we feel that the site is ready, we will plan to open to Year 10 on a very limited part time basis. Initially students would be invited in for two hours each week to have socially distanced, face to face time with a teacher. This face to face time is designed to help support your child with their home learning tasks.

In order to plan thoroughly for this provision we will telephone you on Monday Ist June to ask if you would like to send your child in to school and to provide you with a time and date for their first meeting. Initially this will remain the same weekly slot for your child to attend school. We will keep you informed of our plans on the health and safety expectations of everyone in our school community as well as clear guidance on the provision we are offering. We will also continue to provide and improve the home learning resources on our VLE for your child to access.

In the meantime, please can I thank you for your support at this very challenging time. We are aware of the pressures and anxieties our young people are facing, particularly those in Year 10 who are studying for their GCSEs and we want to reassure you that we are here to support them.

We are also offering places in school for some pupils such as those who might be vulnerable or those children whose parents are key workers. If you would like to request this provision please email the school via enquiry@yardleys.bham.sch.uk.

Thank you for your time and continued support.

Yours sincerely

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