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Dear Parents and Carers

As I hope you are aware, for the next two weeks we have scheduled contact calls with each pupil in Year 10. These calls are designed to support your child's home study and support them as best we can. I have included the schedule for this below again.

Form Groups	Day and Times
10K and 10C	Monday June 1 <sup>st</sup> and June 8 <sup>th</sup> – 10:00am -12:00pm
10F and 10 G	Tuesday June 2 <sup>nd</sup> and June 9 <sup>th</sup> – 10:00am – 12:00pm
10B and 10L	Wednesday June 3 <sup>rd</sup> and June 10 <sup>th</sup> – 10:00am – 12:00pm
10R and 10W	Thursday June 4 <sup>th</sup> and June 11 <sup>th</sup> – 10:00am – 12:00pm

I am sure you are also aware that the Government issued further guidance over the half term that secondary schools will be able to welcome back Year 10 pupils from the week commencing June 15<sup>th</sup>. Yesterday morning I presented to our Executive Board our proposals to facilitate this from the week commencing June 15<sup>th</sup>. They supported our proposals and we will now begin planning carefully for Year 10 pupils to make a return to school. As per the guidance included below, we intend to offer:

- 1) A shortened three-hour school day, with a focus on Core Subjects. There will be no need for pupils to remain on site for lunchtime.
- 2) Class sizes of no more than ten pupils which will be consistent on days in school.
- 3) Different start and finish times for pupils depending on the group they have been allocated to.
- 4) One consistent classroom for pupils depending on the group they have been allocated to.

In school each pupil in Year 10 is assigned to a Band, A or B, and we have divided these Bands across four days each week. From the week commencing June 15<sup>th</sup> we intend to have the vast majority of A Band pupils in school on *either* Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of June. B Band pupils will be in school on *either* Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> or Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of June.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-secondary-schools>

Alongside this, I will be sharing with all parents and pupils in Year 10 a guide to the reopening, which will further clarify points I have outlined above. An updated Behaviour and Safety policy has been created using Government guidance. I hope that Year 10 pupils are looking forward to some face to face time in school, but I would ask that they are prepared for the changes we have made to routines and expectations to ensure the safety of all.

Our aim is to share with each parent and pupil the days they will be in school and our guidance by Friday. I hope this will help you to plan effectively.

Thank you again for your ongoing support – it is much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

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