



DARWEN ALDRIDGE
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Dear Parents/Carers,

8th June 2020

For the attention of parents of Year 10 and Year 12 students only

I would like to start with a huge thankyou to all parents who have supported their children in accessing online tuition in the form of the Studio lectures and in completing tasks on the Century platform. These are very difficult circumstances we are working in and I can assure you that all members of staff at the Studio are giving their all to provide a rich diet of online tuition.

We have had numerous conversations with parents on a daily basis and as we look towards the possibility of reopening the school in line with government guidelines it is clear that you have further questions and some anxiety around the return to school. I continue to receive additional information daily and will endeavour to keep you updated as much as and as quickly as I can.

We do intend to maintain online tuition that the vast majority of students are accessing. It is our intention that the first group of students that will return to the Studio will be students who are unable to complete online work from home.

Please see below for clarification on common questions. If you have further concerns, please do contact school and I will be happy to help.

I have included some further links to government advice which you might feel useful with the relevant point.

- The groups designated to return to school have been chosen by the government and identify Year 10 and Year 12.
- It will **not be possible** to guarantee that your child will be taught by their class teacher, however we will at all times try to ensure that the member of staff is known to your child. Some staff will not be teaching due to underlying health conditions.
- Children will remain within one teaching group all day with lunch being taken in the allocated classroom to keep cross contamination to a minimum.
- Resources including equipment will be restricted and classrooms will look different.
- I **cannot** guarantee or be responsible for families who choose not to inform school if family members or children have symptoms of Covid-19. However, we will follow government advice in place if a child or member of staff display symptoms of COVID-19 and /or test positive. See the following link to guidance for further clarity.
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-educationand-childcare-settings>
- We will not be taking temperatures of children in school.
- Online tuition is continuing and you are aware of how your child has been accessing tuition. If you are in a position to access all aspects of learning from home then I will

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support parents who wish to keep their child at home until further guidance is available from the government.

- I will put into place all government recommendations regarding cleaning, sharing of resources and preventing cross contamination of groups.
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings>
- Your child will be encouraged to socially distance but I cannot guarantee this will occur at all times.
- Any families with extremely clinically vulnerable or clinically vulnerable children or family members should read the government advice on return to school found in the first link on this letter.

School is planning a phased return of children from **22nd June starting** with 30 x students who we consider to be a priority as they have fallen behind with studies as there has been limited access of online study. This will be conducted in line with government guidance i.e. smaller teaching groups (6 per group for the Studio). We will endeavour to accommodate all requests for places, but I cannot guarantee this due to the building capacity, staffing levels and risk assessments. This approach will allow the careful introduction of the new procedures and the change of environment to the children and allow them to feel as secure as possible.

Please be aware that government guidance is changing and being amended on a daily basis so these plans may have to change between now and the 22nd June.

We will be contacting the 30 students we have identified to return to school and discuss the process in detail with parents.

Kindest Regards

Colin Grand
Principal