

10th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 10 Students

As you are aware from our previous letters, Year 10 students are invited to receive some face-to-face support from the Academy. Some of you have returned the online form outlining your initial thoughts on whether you will be allowing your child to come into the Academy. Thank you for completing this.

We know that this will be a difficult decision to make and we want to work with you and your child to support his/her learning. In less than a year, this year group will be taking their GCSE exams and we need to do everything we can to support their progress for this.

The Inclusion Team has begun contacting parents/carers to determine your position. If you are happy for your child to attend the Academy he/she will be allocated a member of staff who will support him/her within a 'bubble'. There will be no more than 15 students in one 'bubble' however they will not all be onsite at one time. The member of staff will see 3 students at any one time unless they are in the group who have been working with paper packs. The session will last a maximum of 1 hour.

Outline of the session week beginning 15 June 2020:

- Students arrive (no more than 5 minutes before the session begins) at the Arncliffe Road entrance.
- Students line up on a marker.
- Students will be taken to wash their hands.
- Students will be taken to their classroom (their classroom will only be used for their bubble).
- Staff and students will review their Google Classroom access and identify areas where they need to re-focus. There will also be an opportunity to contact other staff to gain further support.
- Students will be asked to use anti-bacterial gel before they leave. (Once they have left we will encourage them to make their way home as soon as possible, gatherings will not be allowed.) Students will exit via the Arncliffe Road entrance.

You will be sent a text which will identify which member of staff has been allocated to your child and the day and time he/she needs to attend.

If your child has been allocated a space in the paper based group he/she will follow a similar format however he/she will be able to access IT facilities so he/she can work on key content and lessons, these sessions will be 2 hours in length on a Thursday and Friday from 10 am - 12 pm. Students do not need to bring anything other than themselves to the academy (bags etc. are discouraged). Water will be provided and they will be given a pack to take home on their first session.

If your child is unable to access either of these sessions, then further discussions will take place with an allocated mentor via the phone at a set time.

To support safety for all in the Academy, we have put the following in place:

- A one-way system in the areas we are using on site;
- Markers on the floor in corridors at 2-metre distance to ensure social distancing;
- Allocated seats for each student in classrooms;
- Safety posters throughout the Academy;
- Increased access to hand washing and sanitiser products;
- The 'bubbles' as discussed above to support the restriction in cross contamination;
- No uniform for this half term to ensure that students can wash their clothes once they return home (sensible clothing - no crop tops or see through items, and appropriate footwear - no sandals or flip flops);
- Separate entrance and exit and staggered start and finish times different to the ongoing provision we have in the Academy.

In addition to Year 10 students, we also have the ongoing provision for identified children, this will continue during this term.

I have also included some frequently asked questions which may support your decisions.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for supporting us and your child through this time. Preparing Year 10 students for their final year is very important and together we will ensure that your child is fully prepared for the year ahead.

Yours faithfully



Michelle Colledge-Smith
Principal

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