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Dear Year 10 parents and carers,

I am writing to update you about further opening of the school for your child.

Your son/daughter has been allocated to one daily cohort, from Monday to Thursday, which means they are invited into school for one day a week from the week beginning 15th June for 4 sessions to see their teachers from some face-to-face learning.

Note: the precise days for each student are being sent separately to each family.

School start time is staggered between 8.40 and 9.00 and the learning continues for 3 hours with an additional 20-minute break. Students come home for lunch. We have asked all children who need to pray through the day to do so at home. However, if you want your child to pray at school during the day, they need to inform a member of staff who will allow them in the prayer room one at a time for a few minutes. Unfortunately, prayer mats will be unavailable. Each student will be individually sent their start time by Mr Grafton.

We have created a walkthrough video, which is on the school website, to explain how the systems will work for students. We are physically distancing at all times, and there are only 1/4 of the usual number of students in a classroom at one time with their teacher. Your son/daughter will receive a detailed information from Mr Grafton, which explains exactly what they will be doing each day they are in.

This includes: the following information which is essential for you to know:

- **Uniform** – students are not expected to wear school uniform however, they must dress appropriately and no facial piercings/ bar/stretcher earrings are allowed. We will have all windows open in classrooms, so if it is cold they should bring a hoodie/warmer clothing with them
- **Face masks** – these are not recommended to be worn in school. If a student is travelling on public transport into school, they must remove this mask on entry to school. We do not expect children to wear masks, but if you want your child to wear a mask inside as well, then they need to bring a second one for use in school.
- **Behaviour expectations** – If a child makes a mistake and touches another person/books that don't belong to them, they will be asked to sanitise their hands and a calm reminder given. However, if a child acts in a way which puts others in danger, they will immediately be asked to leave site. We will contact you to let you know your child is on their way home. This is an amendment to our Behaviour for Learning policy during Covid. The Independent Study Room (RTL room) will not be used, but Rewards (1s) are still available to celebrate great attitude to learning and great work. Our addendum to policies will be on the website under Covid-19 this week.



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- **Unwell/Covid symptoms** - If your child feels unwell before school, do not send them in.

We now need to know if you intend to send your son/daughter into school, so we can plan really well for numbers. Please could you complete this form now, which should take less than a minute of your time:

<https://forms.gle/WQ2ccQqFRwqRzgPRA>

We are looking forward to warmly welcoming your son/daughter back into school next week. We have really missed our students, and we hope you will be supportive of our measures to assure the safety of your child in school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julia Hinchliffe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Julia Hinchliffe
Headteacher