



Kirkby High School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. This adapted letter is written to update you on our plans for Year 10 students to come into school for some face to face time with teachers. As the situation stands we are planning to start to hold the sessions outlined below from **Monday 22nd June**.

I must stress that this date is subject to change as we cannot predict what information we will receive from Public (or local) Health England as the week ahead progresses. In my opinion, the best approach to take is to plan for next Monday (22nd) and I will confirm the situation via text message on Friday 19th June.

Inviting Year 10 into school in small groups is in line with guidance from the Department for Education (DfE). As I have continually stated, I understand the concerns you have for your children which is why I am outlining the plan we have to ensure that we can offer Year 10 students support whilst practising social distancing. A thorough risk assessment of the school site has been completed and school is now set up to accommodate social distancing for the smaller groups. Families who make the decision to keep Year 10 children at home will be supported by school as I understand that personal circumstances vary from one family to another.

Reassurance

- Each Year 10 student will be invited to attend school for **one two hour session each week** from the 22nd June, unless public information changes.
- Each session will start at 10am and finish at midday. Students will be expected to arrive no later than 10am and they will stay for the full duration of the session.
- The year group will be separated into 4 teams. Each team will be allocated a day to attend school. Groups will be decided by form class lists.
- On the students' allocated day they will arrive at school and will be separated into 4 groups. The average class size will be 12 students, if all students attend.
- Students will be greeted at the main gate by a member of staff to ensure that they are socially distanced as they walk down the pedestrian walkway.
- When students arrive they will enter through the student entrance and will take their place on a physical marker on the floor.
- They will be led one group at a time in single file and observing the 2 metre distance up the main staircase to their room.
- All classrooms used have sliding doors which will enable fresh air to circulate the classroom.
- Students will be allocated equipment.
- There will be no fixed break. Students will be allowed to use the toilets allocated during the session, if they request to do so.
- At the end of the session, students will be led back down the main staircase to the student entrance to be dismissed, adhering to the two metre rule.
- A member of staff will escort students to the main gate.
- Hand sanitisers will be available in all classes.
- Students will be provided with bottled water.

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Curriculum

The reason why the Government has decided to focus on Year 10 in secondary schools is because the students are about to enter their final and very crucial year in September. I have worked with my senior leadership team to identify how students would benefit from face to face time and we decided that the sessions will be based on the following.

Week Beginning	Content
22/6/20	Coronavirus and You/Mind Your Mind
29/6/20	Thorough Preparation Makes its Own Luck
6/7/20	Aspirations and Destinations – The Pathway to Success
13/7/20	Old Ways Will Not Open New Doors

Students in Year 10 have been divided into 4 teams. There are 2 form groups in each team. Each team is divided into 4 groups. Therefore each group consists of half a form class ensuring that there will be no more than 12 students in any group.

Monday	10am to midday	Team A	10PJO 10SJO
Tuesday	10am to midday	Team B	10JWO 10RGI
Wednesday	10am to midday	Team C	10CHA 10SBO
Thursday	10am to midday	Team D	10DPE 10AMC

Students should attend school in full school uniform, however the blazer is optional. They must not bring a school bag as all equipment will be provided.

I look forward to seeing your children and staff will take the opportunity to put their minds at rest regarding any concerns they have about the GCSEs.

Kind regards,



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