

15th May 2020

Subject: Partial return to school

Dear Parent/Carer,

Students have now been absent from school for 30 days due to Covid 19. Many families have been able to devote much time to home schooling and others not so much. What I would say is that I do believe that everyone is trying his or her best. I believe the most important thing is to keep a 'happy' atmosphere and safe environment in the home. This is a marathon not a sprint, home-learning activities will continue to be provided so if you do not manage to complete any for a few days please do not worry. Now we are in the process of moving to Microsoft Teams we will be pleased to see anything your child wants to show us but this will not be 'formally' marked. Students who do not 'present' work will not be penalised or made to feel awkward, the staff understand circumstances are different for each family. We know many of you are also trying to juggle working with home schooling.

COVID 19 – PARTIAL RETURN TO SCHOOL

As many of you will be aware, we have been asked to plan for a partial re-opening of school from 1st June. I am now awaiting further advice from the Local Authority and the Government regarding Specialist provision. Government guidance for parents can be found in the link below. As you can imagine there are many scenarios to consider and not everyone is going to fully agree with the one that is chosen. Please rest assured all appropriate risk assessments will be in place before any additional children are admitted to school. School will feel very different and we need to prepare students for this if they are to return. Once I have a clear plan I will write to you again. In the meantime we would like you to complete the survey (link below) so we can understand what the potential intake of students would be like after June 1st.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=daGPpwNjQU6TIQ3M&qj3dH7GL1wUJZ8pPmSRtGZXJrKNURE5MU1QwSVpGVUdOTE1MM1VYNk00Rk42NS4u>

Please return the survey by the 12noon on Monday 18th May 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

Best wishes,

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