



Hartsdown
Academy

19 May 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Year 10

I promised in my previous letter that I would update you this week before finalising arrangements in the week prior to the 1 June.

The government has suggested that they will not make a final decision regarding school opening until the 28 May. Unfortunately this means we will not be able to finalise arrangements until the 29th. As a school we have worked hard to ensure that we are able to open in a safe manner that allows year 10s to receive some 'face to face' support. For the first two weeks this will be:

10am - 11.30am or 11.30am - 13.00pm and the sessions will be Maths and English. This will not be lessons as normal, instead it will be support for online learning. Students will be invited in for one day a week and will need to attend in full school uniform.

To ensure safety we will:

- Check your child's temperature at the gate (those with increased temperature will be turned away)
- Limit class sizes (max 12)
- Increase cleaning
- Students will stay in their classroom and will not have social time
- Rooms will be rearranged to ensure social distancing measures are met
- Students will have specific entrances to enter and leave the school building
- Students will not be provided with equipment

I have attached a link to our school risk assessment and discussion document which includes more details.

[Risk assessment](#)

[Discussion Document](#)

As further guidance is released, we will continue to update our plans. My hope is that both the number of days and the length of time will be increased as we develop our strategy.

In order to plan staffing and to manage numbers I need to know how many parents are intending to send in their children. If you are intending to send in your child please could you complete the attached form by **26 May 6 pm**. [Form to complete](#)

If you do not sign up we will not be able to cater for your child. Those that register will be sent a confirmation via email of which day they are to attend.

We will review this on a weekly basis and reopen registrations in due course. Children with SEN needs and year 12 will be contacted separately.

I am keen for us to re-open as I feel that children are missing out on their education and I am convinced that we can do this in a safe manner.

Best wishes

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