

3rd June 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Widening Participation with Year 10 and 12 students

Further to my newsletter message on 22nd May, I am now able to provide you with some further information about our plans to widen opportunities for more children returning to Bosworth Academy.

Following recent Government announcements for schools to provide some face to face support for year 10 and 12 students we are making plans in readiness of the government confirming it safe to go ahead. During the last few weeks we have written a Risk Mitigation Plan and introduced many new safety measures across our school to ensure that the safety of our children, staff and families is paramount and we reduce the risk of transmission.

During the last 10 weeks of 'lockdown' Bosworth Academy has remained open with up to three classes of students attending our Supervised Childcare provision. During this lengthy period we have practiced social distancing and high hygiene levels, so are confident that we can expand our provision safely to more students.

We have been planning extensively for an increasing number of students in attendance and are confident that we can provide a safe and effective learning environment; our school will look very different to what students remember. On 21st May we ran in situ training with our staff so that they can confidently work with our students socially distanced and understand, as well as reinforce, our hygiene protocols.

We are currently working on a parent booklet to explain; how we have planned to mitigate risks, explaining our expectations for students and providing some additional information. You will need to read the booklet to assure yourself that we have put a lot in place to make our environment as safe as it can be. Please expect this within the next week.

Currently, you are able to make a decision whether to take up your offer of in-school support and you will not be given a penalty notice if you decide not to let your child return to school. We do hope though that you are reassured by our Risk Mitigation Planning and reintroduce your child back to school before the summer break given this opportunity. The Primary schools in our Multi-Academy Trust have welcomed back wider year groups safely already this week. It is our intention to widen our opening to year 10 and 12 students from Monday 15th June 2020 unless government guidance moves away from this date. To ensure social distancing is maintained we will be staggering starts and ends of the day, breaks and lunches, so it will not be a normal school day.

Year 10 students will be invited into school in cohorts no bigger than a quarter of the year group (64 students). Each student will attend one face to face support day a week. Year 10 students who already attend 'Supervised Childcare' provision will remain in that provision. Students will be in a class (bubble) of no more than 10 students and will have two different specialist inputs during a four hour learning period. For example; 2 hours of English in a morning session and after a lunch break a 2 hour session of Mathematics. In a second week students would experience Coaching Support and Science. In that way we will be able to boost home learning provision by explaining difficult concepts, tackling misconceptions and supporting student organisation and wellbeing.





We aim to invite Year 12 students to school for a 3 hour session approximately once each 2 to 3 weeks in each of their A level subjects. This may not be with their usual teacher, because of the need to reduce class sizes to maintain 2m social distancing, though it will be led by an A level specialist.

We will try to get children into school as soon as possible but we have to make sure we can operate within the Department for Education and government recommendations and hope further confirmation of the details will be provided soon. As I have explained before frustratingly the guidance often follows a number of days after announcements.

Once we are in a position to finalise our plans I will write to you again stating the dates that your son/daughter has been allocated for in-school support. There will be a google form included that allows you to; confirm that you are taking up your child's place, state whether you would like a hot lunch provided (or bringing a packed lunch), and whether you are in a position where you cannot get your child to school by your own means safely. Government recommendation to schools is that students should not be travelling by public transport or on buses wherever possible.

Please be aware that these plans are conditional upon government announcements.

We will notify you of the exact details next week along with sharing our Risk Mitigation Plan.

Thank you for your continuing support. We are working hard to provide a safe and effective learning environment for your children on their return to school and hope that the information in this letter begins to alleviate any concerns you might have and provides an outline of our plans.

Yours sincerely,

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