

9th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Widening Participation details for Year 10 students

Further to my letter from 3rd June 2020, I am now able to give you more information about our plans to widen participation for more children returning to Bosworth Academy in Year 10. This is part of the government's phased approach to the wider opening of schools. We want to get all of our students back into school as soon as we are able, because we know it is the best place for them to learn and because we know how important it is for their mental wellbeing to have social interactions with their friends, teachers and staff.

Following recent government announcements for schools to provide some face to face support for year 10 and 12 students we now have plans in place in readiness of the government confirming it safe to go ahead from Monday 15th June 2020. We have completed a detailed Risk Mitigation Plan and have included a parental version in a booklet form for you with this letter. The plan outlines many new safety measures across our school which you and your child will need to follow to ensure their safety, and that of all staff and students, as we aim to reduce any risk of transmission of coronavirus.

Year 10 students will be invited into school in quarter year cohorts in line with government guidance, (a maximum of 64 students per day). **Each student will attend one face-to-face support day a week.**

Arrival at school MUST be no earlier than 9.45am for a face to face session starting at 10am and finishing at 2.30pm (including a 30 minute break for lunch). 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 with a 30 minute supervised lunch break between them;

Week beginning 15 June:

- Tutoring Support (2 hours) and Science (2 hours)

Week beginning 22nd June:

- English (2 hours) and Maths (2 hours)

We then expect this two week pattern to repeat for the final 2 weeks of term. In this way we will be able to boost home learning provision by explaining difficult concepts, tackling misconceptions and supporting student organisation and wellbeing. The tutoring session enables us to assess where students are in their learning. Teachers will then make any adjustments necessary to the school curriculum over the final weeks of year 10 ahead of their final year of study at GCSE.

Once in school it is vitally important for safety reasons that students follow the code of conduct and adhere to our high expectations of behaviour as well as social distancing and hygiene measures. For any students who do not meet these expectations we will be contacting parents and this could lead to students not being able to continue face to face provision. We expect all of our students will want to fully engage and excel in this opportunity provided to return to school after spending so many weeks working at distance.

Please read the booklet included with this letter to help reassure yourselves about the steps being taken to reduce risk on your child's return to school. We strongly encourage children and young people who



are in the eligible groups to attend, unless they are self-isolating or there are other reasons for absence (such as shielding due to health conditions). Students must not be sent to school if they have symptoms of coronavirus.

Parents, children and young people are encouraged to walk or cycle where possible and avoid public transport at peak times when travelling to school. We will be able to provide some transport for students in receipt of pupil premium. Please indicate on the google form if school transport is essential for your child to get to school.

Pupils and parents should do all they can to help make sure they and others can travel safely. This can be done through:

- not leaving home if anyone in their household, has symptoms of coronavirus
- avoiding travelling on public transport, particularly at peak times
- maintaining a 2 metre distance from others who are not in their household
- ensuring good respiratory hygiene by using the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- washing their hands thoroughly before and after travelling
- wearing a face covering if they need to use public transport

When deciding whether children wear a face covering on school transport, it is also important to remember:

- school transport is unlike public transport, in that it generally carries the same group of children to and from the same destination each day – this may help reduce the risk of cross infection therefore children and staff won't be expected to wear face coverings in school or during travel.

Parents and carers of Year 10 students must complete the booking form as to whether your child(ren) will be returning to school. Once we have received this, we will be able to confirm start dates. The form will also ask if your child(ren) require(s) a school meal or if they will be bringing a packed lunch.

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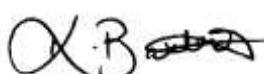
Please be aware that the plans for a start date of 15th June are conditional upon government announcements - at present we are continuing to make firm arrangements for a start on that date so we do not lose the opportunity to support your child further.

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. Also, we hope that the information in this letter begins to alleviate any concerns you might have about returning to school for face to face support.

Yours sincerely,



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