

Dear parent/carer

I wanted to update you this week further on our plans to re-open 15<sup>th</sup> June. As I wrote to you on 1<sup>st</sup> June the Government has confirmed that the earliest date that schools can begin to provide some face to face teaching for these year groups **has been changed to June 15<sup>th</sup>**.

The Government guidance says that schools can have a maximum of 25 per cent of these year groups at school at any one time, with no more than 15 students in a classroom, sitting two metres apart from each other.

We want as many students as possible to have the opportunity to have face to face learning with their teachers. However, the safety, health and wellbeing of everyone in the school is of course our highest priority and our plans will be based around the restrictions on the numbers who can attend school and can be in classes together. As with all secondary schools, our remote learning provision will continue to be the main form of education that students receive.

Our intention in the first instance is to provide the following:

#### **Year 10**

One day per week of face to face teaching of the core subjects

An additional day of core teaching for students we have identified as either needing to catch up, or grade 3/4 borderline students

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#### **Year 12**

A two hour face to face tutorial with their subject teacher on a two week rotation. **This will be in addition to the live remote learning timetable already in operation.**

It is important that students return to school so that they can gain access to new knowledge and skills ready for their exams next year. Of course, there are reasons why some students cannot return to school such as if they are shielding either individually or as a family for a medical reason.

So far we have had an overwhelmingly positive response with the majority of students indicating that they are keen to return. If your child **CANNOT** attend school, in order that we can plan our attendance records I am asking you to inform us by no later than 3.30 am on Friday 5 June of the name of your child and the reason why they are not attending so that we can contact you to discuss the matter further.

Year 10: If your child CANNOT attend school, please inform Emma Brown at [e.brown@arkputneyacademy.org](mailto:e.brown@arkputneyacademy.org)

Year 12: If your child CANNOT attend school, please inform Sarah Carter at [s.carter@arkputneyacademy.org](mailto:s.carter@arkputneyacademy.org)

If your child is already attending our Community Classrooms for key worker and vulnerable children, they can continue to do so regardless of which year group they are in and we encourage them to attend. **All community classroom students must attend in full school uniform at all times.**

I will write to you again next week when I hope to be able to share our specific plans with you. Including; timings of the day, Individual timetables, information about how the teaching bubbles will work. We will also be posting a video which will explain our social distancing/health and safety arrangements. **Please note that students in year 10 will be expected to attend in full school uniform, with the exception that they will be allowed to wear trainers. So please can you ensure that uniforms are in good order and are clean and ready to wear. Year 12 should be in their normal school attire, but trainers are permitted to encourage walking and cycling to school.** In the meantime, please continue to encourage your child with their home learning.

Kind regards

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