

10th June 2020

Dear Parent

Further to my letter about face-to-face provision for some Year 10 students, I write to update you on the latest developments. Our plans are now in place and our original intention was to start the on-site provision on Monday, 15th June. However, given the concerns about the R rate within the North West, we have made the decision to postpone this until Monday, 22nd June.

Fortunately, because of the way in which we have structured the provision and because many of you have chosen to access the on-line sessions instead of the on-site sessions, the overall number of sessions will not be affected by the delayed start. We are able to accommodate all the originally planned provision within a shortened timescale and each student will still have a session with each subject teacher before the end of the Summer term. Those who choose not to use the on-site provision will have the same sessions delivered through Microsoft Teams and these sessions will start from 15th June as planned.

Since we drew up our original plans, the DfE has changed the guidance within which we must work so there will be fewer students on-site at any one time. We expect a maximum of 25 students on-site at any one time and, in line with revised DfE guidance, no more than 25% of the year group on any one day. There will therefore be fewer appointment slots on each day and a full hour's gap between each appointment slot. Each session (whether on-line or on-site) will be between 30 minutes and an hour, depending on the subject. Your child's subject teachers will indicate the length of the session when they make the appointment with your child.

Further details, including a clear set of instructions for students, will be sent out next week, when teachers will begin to make contact with students to arrange the on-site appointments. As stated above, the on-line appointments will be underway by then.

I hope that you will understand our reasons for delaying the start of the on-site sessions. Our top priority is the safety of your children and your families, as well as the safety of our staff. At this point, caution makes sense, especially as we are able to provide the same overall sessions within the shortened timespan.

Yours sincerely



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