

Headteacher: Mr Paul Greig

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Good afternoon to our Year 10 parents. I hope you and your families are all keeping safe and well just now. You will probably be aware of the government's plan to open up schools from the 15th June for some face to face contact with Year 10 and year 12.

In response to this, staff have been working incredibly hard to put planning in place that reflects the need to keep our students as safe as possible while starting to develop their learning at what is a key time for them.

It is now a good time to contact you and share the key actions we are putting into place for our students:

1. Pods of students set up to lessen risk of cross-contamination and enable staff to teach ability groups.
2. Maximum number in a group will be 12.
3. Rooms identified and used to enable social distancing and minimal movement for staff and students.
4. Only one quarter of year 10 will be in school at any one time.
5. Cleaning routines established at key points in the day to lessen risk of contamination.
6. Hand sanitisers provided and clear sanitation routines and practice established.
7. Planning in place to adhere to two metre distancing rules.
8. Adjustments made to reception and front office areas to enable safe working of staff and safe accessibility for parents.
9. Timetable established including scheduled breaktimes to ensure minimal movement around school.
10. Clear exit and entrance procedures established to ensure safe movement around school.
11. Toilets opened and cleaned to prevent cross-contamination.
12. Signage including social distancing markings around school.

In addition there are some other key points to share with you:

- We expect students to follow The Becket Way when they return and show the normal high standards of behaviour. This is a challenging time for all and inappropriate behaviour at this time causes anxiety for other students and staff.
- Students will wear their school uniform as normal.
- There will be a short break in the morning for students. Food will not be available in school, but students are encouraged to bring in a snack and their own drink to have at breaktime.
- Please take note of the government guidance on safe travel to and from school as this is information we will be sharing with our students :<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

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Year 10 Plan For Return :

- Recent government announcements state that return to school for Y10 is now planned for Monday 15th June. Furthermore, only a quarter of Y10 are allowed in school at any one time and separate morning/afternoon rotas are not permissible.
- We have made appropriate changes to our original planning in the light of these restrictions. The following plan will run for the **6 weeks from return on 15th June until the end of term.**
- **Form groups B (Bernadette), E (Edmund) and N (Nicholas)** will have lessons in school during Weeks 1, 3 and 5, namely w/c Monday **15 June**, Monday **29 June** and Monday **13 July**.
- **Form groups P (Patrick), R (Robert) and T (Teresa)** will have lessons in school during Weeks 2, 4 and 6, namely w/c Monday **22 June**, Monday **6 July** and Monday **20 July**.
- The school day will run from 9.15 until 12.30. There will be 4 lessons, each one lasting 45 minutes, plus a break of 15 minutes. School lunches will not be available for Y10. There will be no afternoon lessons.
- The weeks will be structured as follows:

Mondays	CORE day – English, Maths and Science (x2)	For students in Science sets 1-3 ONLY (separate sciences)
Tuesdays	OPTION day – RE, History/Geography, French/German/Vocational, and Option choice	ONLY For students doing the following option choice subjects : Drama, DT or GCSE PE
Wednesdays	CORE day – English, Maths and Science (x2)	For students in Science sets 4-8 ONLY (combined science)
Thursdays	OPTION day – RE, History/Geography, French/German/Vocational, and Option choice	ONLY For students doing the following option choice subjects : Art, Computer Science, Food, Geography or Music
Fridays	No lessons for Y10	

- In summary, students will be in school twice a week on alternate weeks, once for their core subjects and once for their option subjects. They will do either Monday OR Wednesday (determined by their Science set) OR either Tuesday OR Thursday (determined by their chosen option subject).
- A detailed timetable will be sent out individually to all students by email nearer the return date.
- For any queries or questions on this please contact Miss Daniels (year 10 Progress Leader)

Finally, I am aware that the last ten weeks have presented many challenges for our families and we wish to present a caring, supportive and safe environment for our students to return. We look forward to seeing all of you again.

Thank you



Mr Greig
Headteacher