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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 12 Students

I hope you are well. As I have previously stated, from Monday 15th June, in line with government guidance, we shall begin a process of re-opening the school to groups of Year 10 and Year 12 students for some *face to face* sessions. These sessions will supplement the online learning for these year groups, which will continue throughout this half term.

The school has done a lot of work to prepare for this re-opening in a manner to reduce risk for all concerned. However, the decision whether to send your son or daughter into school is ultimately yours. To assist you in your decision, we have included the following link to the school's risk assessment and re-opening plan for you to read. We hope that the majority of parents will feel they can send their son or daughter into school on their allotted days. However, if for whatever reason you do not feel able to do so, that is your decision, and no measures will be taken against those parents who choose to keep their children at home. The plan is, of course, subject to review and change, depending on the local and national situation with COVID19, and government guidance.

<https://www.strobertofnewminster.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/School-Reopening-Plan-from-15-June.pdf>

I should at this point underline certain sections from the plan:

NO ONE DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS OF COVID19 OR SELF-ISOLATING DUE TO A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS SHOULD ATTEND SCHOOL.

NO ONE WITH COVID19 OR SELF-ISOLATING DUE TO A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID19 SHOULD COME TO SCHOOL.

Guidance states that children and young people (0 to 18 years of age) who have been classed as clinically extremely vulnerable due to pre-existing medical conditions have been advised to shield. These children should not attend school, and will continue to be supported at home as much as possible.

Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) people are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus (COVID-19). Parents/carers of children in this category should follow medical advice to come to a decision over whether to send their child into school or not.



I also include the following link for your information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

An overview of the plan is below:

W/c 22 June Groups of Year12 students will attend school for full days or half days across the week. They will only attend the full or half days when the subjects they study are scheduled.

W/c 6 July Groups of Year12 students will attend school for full days or half days across the week. They will only attend the full or half days when their subjects are scheduled.

W/c 13 July Details to be finalised.

Year 12 students will be able to see from the timetables attached to the re-opening plan, which full or half days they will be in school w/c 22 June and w/c 6 July.

Parents and Carers of Year 12 students will receive another letter at the start of next week, giving more specific detail about the arrangements for these days.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Juric
Head Teacher

