



Our Ref: MLD/GJW

June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 10 face-to-face provision from 22nd June 2020

Firstly, I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well in the current circumstances. Further to the school's communication last month regarding re-opening plans for Year 10 pupils, and subsequent to Department for Education guidance published during half-term, I am writing to update you and to outline Healing School's approach to offering face-to-face provision and support for pupils in Year 10 for the remainder of this academic year.

It is important to acknowledge the undoubted anxiety which some parents, pupils and staff may be feeling about a return to school. However, please be reassured that all decisions made and measures undertaken prioritise pupil and staff safety. Detailed risk assessments are in place which adhere to all government guidance and which include precautions such as: reducing class sizes, staggering breaks, handwashing/hand-sanitising routines, reducing mixing and contact between different groups of staff and pupils, demarcation of the 2-metre social distancing rules for communal spaces and increased cleaning.

Additional guidance and information can be found using this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-secondary-schools>

As I am sure you appreciate, careful and meticulous planning and consideration has been employed when organising the re-opening of the school, particularly as the guidance states that 'secondary schools should ensure that **only a quarter of pupils** in year 10 are in school at any one time'.

So that you can make an informed decision about whether or not your child will be returning to school, please note the outline of provision below, which will be available to Year 10 pupils **from 22nd June 2020**.

The cycle of face-to-face support defined is of course dependent on the number of pupils returning. Based on these numbers, pupils will be placed into groups and allocated their cycle dates to attend school. This cycle is based on each group attending for a **full and complete week**, as described. Please note however that if **all pupils** opt to return, they will only receive one full week of face-to-face contact, due to the limited numbers allowed by government guidance. If, however, the number returning is half current pupil numbers for example, then the cycle will be repeated twice.



The outline of provision is, as per government guidance, an opportunity for pupils to 'have face-to-face contact' with subject specialist colleagues and is to **support** and **supplement** work already being set, it is not intended to replace it; work set via the school's website will still remain the main source of the school's education provision.

Currently, the school is yet to confirm whether the school transport service will support our arrangements. However, government guidance states that 'pupils should be encouraged to walk or cycle [to school] where possible', and any use of public transport 'is minimised'.

At this point in our planning, the school needs to gauge which parents are comfortable with their child in Year 10 returning to school. I therefore ask you to complete the question link below (and which will be sent to you directly in an email) by 9.00am on Monday 8th June:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R9GNJSL>

Whilst the school and its staff have missed the pupils and encourage you to enable your child to access some limited face-to-face contact and support, current government advice states that there will be no penalty for parents/cares of Year 10 pupils who choose not send their child to school, and therefore the school supports this choice.

If your child will remain at home beyond the 22nd June, then the school will of course continue to support them with home learning.

Once the school has established names and numbers of those pupils returning, further refined groupings, information and arrangements will be shared with relevant parents/carers.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the school and your understanding in these unprecedented circumstances.

Your sincerely

Mrs M. Dewland
Principal

Day of the week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Session 8.45am – 12.10pm	English	Maths	Science	Humanities, Languages & some other core (not Eng, Maths, Sci) and option subjects (TBC)	Some other core (not Eng, Maths, Sci) and other option subjects (TBC)
Location	South Block: Rooms TBC	South Block: Rooms TBC	Science Block: Rooms TBC	South Block for Humanities and Languages, other specialist rooms dependent on subjects allocated to pupils: Rooms TBC	South block and other specialist rooms dependent on subjects allocated to pupils: Rooms TBC
On a Monday – Wednesday, other than those pupils deemed ‘disadvantaged’, pupils will leave site at 12.10pm.				Lunch break at 12.10pm. Sessions to continue at 1.10pm	
Afternoon Session Monday-Wednesday 1.10 – 2.30pm	Targeted one-to-one support in English for disadvantaged pupils	Targeted one-to-one support in Maths for disadvantaged pupils	Targeted one-to-one support in Science for disadvantaged pupils	Continuing of above subjects (TBC)	Continuing of above subjects (TBC)
Thursday and Friday: 1.10-3.10pm					