



Chenderit School

A VISUAL ARTS COLLEGE

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Dear parents and carers of year 10 and year 12 students

I had hoped to be able to write to you this week with precise details regarding our offer for some face-to-face contact with year 10 and year 12 students next term. Unfortunately, at the time of writing, the DfE has not yet published the planning guide for secondary schools and we know that a re-opening depends on the scientific and medical recommendations, which we expect the Prime Minister to report on in the lockdown review expected on 28th May. Therefore, the details below may change to reflect any updates.

We understand that returning to school is a priority for the sake of our students' education and wellbeing and to this end, we are working cautiously towards welcoming some students back to school from Monday, 8th June.

At the current time, we are planning to offer:

- Teaching/mentoring in small groups of approximately 8 -15 students, depending on the size of the classroom.
- Some face to face opportunities for Y10 students in the core subjects (English, Maths, Science and RE) and in their optional subjects.
These are likely to take place on a rotation basis to ensure that we do not have more than approximately 50 Y10 students on site on any day. For core subjects, students are likely to spend 2 hours on one subject, followed by a supervised break and then 2 hours on another subject. For their optional subjects, students are likely to spend the day on one subject with an appropriate break included. The school day is likely to be 8.40am – 1.10pm, with Cheney coaches agreeing to collect students earlier than usual.
- Face-to-face contact for Y12 students in each subject, on a rotation basis.
Y12 students are likely to spend their time (8.40am – 1.10pm) working on one subject per day. Each option block (A-E) is likely to be scheduled on a different day of the week. We shall include supervised breaks at suitable points.
- Continued provision for the children of key workers and for our most vulnerable students, though students in these categories, if they are in Y10, will join a small group on a rotation basis in order that they have the opportunity for some face to face time.

A robust risk assessment has been written, and approved by Governors. Examples of actions to keep our school community as safe as possible include:

- The introduction of a strict one-way system in school, the details of which (a map) will be shared with you next term

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- The movement of furniture to ensure that the strict social distancing rule can apply at all times, in the canteen, in classrooms and outside
- The availability of PPE for specific circumstances
- The addition of sanitiser dispensers which have been fixed to the walls throughout the building
- The availability of a site team and cleaners throughout the day to ensure our facilities remain clean and our soap and hand sanitiser dispensers topped up
- Strict access instructions in place to ensure that students are able to maintain a social distance in our toilet facilities

We shall be unable to offer a full canteen service next term, however there may be a skeleton service available. We shall confirm these details in due course.

Cheney Coaches are likely to be able to provide transport and are aware of the number of Y10 and Y12 students they may be transporting. They will enforce social distancing measures, stagger their arrival and departure times and clean their bus interiors regularly. We shall establish staggered drop off/collection times for students arriving by other means and we shall confirm this with you next term.

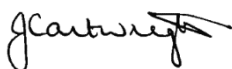
We have written an addendum to the Behaviour Policy and are consulting on this currently. Parents will have sight of this document next term and you will be asked to sign a home/school agreement that is focused on the health, safety and wellbeing of everyone in our school community.

I hope that parents of Y10 and Y12 students will want their children to access our offer, if we are able to proceed with it, however, I will understand if this is not something you feel is appropriate or welcome at the current time. If you do not intend for your child to attend school during term 6, please confirm this with our Attendance Officer, Julie MacArthur jmacarthur@chenderit.net by 9.00am on Monday 1st June, so that we are able to finalise our plans prior to the potential commencement on Monday 8th June. Please be reassured that neither parents nor students will be penalised if they choose to continue with home-schooling, which will continue to be provided during term 6. Please note that students will be expected to wear full school uniform however, we will not expect the school sweatshirt to be worn or brought to school, if temperatures are high.

Whilst these are our plans at the current time please be aware that they could change at short notice.

I will write again on our return to school (w/b 1st June) to clarify how we shall proceed and to state exact dates that individual students are being invited into school.

Yours sincerely



Jane Cartwright
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For and on behalf of the Governing Body