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Dear Parent/Guardian

Following the announcement by the Prime Minister on Sunday and guidance from the Department for Education we can now press ahead with our plans to re-open school to a limited number of Year 10 students each day, starting on the **15<sup>th</sup> June 2020**.

For Years 7, 8 and 9 we will continue to be setting work on our website and unless otherwise stated, the work is for a two week period after which the work will be replaced with the next set of work. Thank you for the feedback we have had from both parents and students as it has helped us forward plan and tailor the work to your child's needs.

In opening the school to more students our highest priority and consideration is the safety and well-being of children, staff and other key stakeholders. Following a rigorous risk assessment which addresses the issues of social distancing, personal hygiene and adherence to strict guidelines on cleaning we believe we can now open the school to two sets of Year 10 students per day. These sets are based on English sets and they will stay in these sets for all core subjects.

- Monday : Sets 1 and 5
- Wednesday : Sets 3 and 4
- Friday : Sets 2, 6 and 7

These days in school will not replace the work that is being set on the website to be done at home. Indeed the Department for Education are keen to stress that this still remains the main form of Education for the foreseeable future for all years groups. The face to face sessions will provide an opportunity for teachers to address any concerns the students raise and to provide support for the work that has been done and guidance for the work to be set on the website. It is important to say that these sessions will under no circumstance make up for lost time but we have factored all of these things into our plans and into the work that has been set.

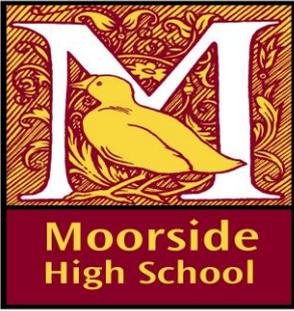
The Year 10 sets will be split into 3 sub-groups (bubbles) A, B and C and the students will stay in these sub -groups for the day. Parents will be informed which sub-group their child is in nearer the time. Each set will be in different blocks in the school and will have access to different toilets and yards. Start time, break times and end of day will be staggered for each sub group. We will be operating a continental day starting at approximately 9.00am (depending on stagger) and finishing at 1.30pm so there will be no lunch time. In the first weeks the students will only be meeting with teachers of the core subjects.

Throughout the day students will be asked to wash their hands and there will be cleaning of the room when the room is vacated for break. We have also ensured that these rooms are deep cleaned on a Tuesday and Thursday. To ensure social distancing we have ensured that students are 2m apart which means we can only accommodate a maximum of 12 students per room hence the need to split each set into 3 sub -groups.

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Following the government recommendations and the risk whilst travelling on public transport we encourage students to either walk, cycle or come into school by car. There will be no coach service. Please inform your child that it is not deemed acceptable for students to arrive at school in groups. They must observe social distancing at all times both in and out of school. This is the reason for staggering start and end times. Students should not be on site before their allocated time.

Our behaviour policy and code of conduct will be shared with students on their return but needless to say it is important that we all adhere to these rules to ensure we follow government guidelines for social distancing and basic hygiene and limit the risks for everybody. We would not expect students to wear uniform on site but it is highly recommended that when they get home their clothes are washed.

The school will continue to be open every day for vulnerable children and children of key workers. We will continue to have a separate staff rota to address the needs of these children.

If your Year 10 child is considered clinically extremely vulnerable it is advised they stay at home and are shielded. They will have had an NHS letter to confirm that is the case. If they live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable they can attend school but they must be very careful to observe social distancing and regularly wash their hands. There is further guidance on the Department for Education website.

To help us with our planning could you please indicate if your year 10 child will be returning to school on these days from the 15th June. Whilst we are encouraging our students to return I fully understand that parents remain anxious and for that reason the government have agreed that no action should be taken over non attendance. If you have any concerns then please contact school and there will be a member of SLT available every day. We will continue to endeavour to do our best for your child and do everything we can to make your child safe whilst in school.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher

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