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Dear Parents and Carers

Wider Reopening of School: Year 10

Further to my letter last week, I can now confirm that school will be opening for more children on a rota basis from the week commencing 15th June 2020. Due to the complexities of organising the sessions and the requirement to keep to specified group sizes, students will not be permitted to change their allocated day or group.

Groups have created in Bands, with consideration of siblings and broadly in line with their academic sets. We have staggered arrival and departure times to support social distancing. It is important that all students arrive at their allocated time (and not before) and leave the site promptly at the end of their session.

On arrival your child should enter the school via the student entrance where they will be met by a member of staff and go straight to their allocated room.

Initially in week one, all students will receive holistic support and further guidance to support their Remote Learning. Over the coming weeks students in Year 10 will have the opportunity to spend 3 sessions during their allocated day with specialist Maths, English and Science teachers. This is subject to change, as we will regularly be reviewing the offer, to ensure that it meets the needs of the students. We will keep you updated of any changes.

Please note students will stay with their designated group, in a specified room and they will not have opportunity to mix with other groups during the day. To aid this we will be asking students to bring in their own snack/drink in packaging that can be disposed of, as the canteen facility will not be operating. Students will not be permitted to leave the classroom unless supervised.

Ideally, we would like the opportunity to see all our Year 10 students on site for these 'face to face' sessions, but we realise that this will not be possible for all. Sessions taught on site will be uploaded onto MS Teams, and students will continue to use MS Teams for off-site provision and access to their teachers and all curriculum content.

Clearly the above doesn't outline what we have known as a typical school day. The Health and Safety element is clearly fundamental for all, thereby it is imperative that you remind your child that strict protocols and rules are in place to support the health and welfare of all of us. If your child doesn't comply then they will forfeit the opportunity to stay on site and we will require you to collect them as soon as possible. Please see the following information re: how we will be running the school site at this time.

Expectations	
Return to school induction with reconnect team	All students will receive a pack before returning to school outlining expectations and will receive a health and safety briefing during their first taught session. The first session of week 1 will be a valuable reconnection session.
Behaviour	Students will be expected to comply with the usual school behaviour code.
Mobile Phones	The usual rules apply to mobile phones, these should be switched off and out of sight when in the school building.
Dress Code	School uniform (no blazer or tie) and school shoes.
Attendance	All Year 10 students are invited to attend specific day 'face to face' sessions. Parents will be asked to accept their child's place in school. Arrival and departure times will be detailed on individual timetables (to be distributed w/c 8/6/2020) and must be adhered to in order to support social distancing. For safeguarding if students are unable to attend school, parents must phone the attendance line 0151 336 3902.
Allocated Groups	Students will be allocated a specific group and day of the week for their 'face to face' contact. It will not be possible under any circumstances for students to change groups.
Equipment	Students should bring their own pens and textbooks.
Home Learning (MS Teams)	Face to Face support in school is part of a blended learning package, students attending the weekly sessions are expected to continue with their home learning programmes on MS Teams.
Facilities	
Catering	Students should bring a bottle of water and a snack, there are no catering facilities currently on site.
Classrooms	Students will be taught in groups of up to 12 students and will remain in one classroom for all taught lessons. Classrooms have been set up and cleaned providing social distancing parameters.
Transport	Students should travel to school on foot, bicycle or travel by car with parents, there is no public bus or minibus service. Students cycling to school should use the staff bike shelter at the front of the school. Parents are asked to drop off students in the bottom car park and must not accompany their child to the school building.
First Aid	A qualified first aider will always be on site, any student who is unwell during the day or exhibits signs of Covid-19 will be isolated and sent home immediately. If you are called to collect your child, please telephone from the car park and your child will be sent out to you. First Aid staff will be supplied with PPE if they need to support a student.
Cleaning	A team of cleaning staff will be on site following national and public health guidance. All classrooms will be cleaned in line with national guidance.
Reception Desk	The reception desk is not open, please do not drop off anything for your child. Contact with school should be via telephone or email only.
Lockers	Lockers are out of use at this time.

Health & Safety	
Covid 19 symptoms	Students must not attend school if they or anyone in their household are exhibiting signs of Covid 19 – high temperature, cough, loss of taste or smell. Covid-19 symptoms
Shielding – clinically extremely vulnerable	Students who are categorised as being clinically extremely vulnerable are not expected to attend school and should continue with home learning.
Social distancing	Students are expected to maintain 2 metre social distancing guidance when inside and outside of the school building, including travelling to and from school. Students will be allocated a specific entrance and route to their classroom. Staggered start and end times have been planned to reduce the numbers of students arriving and leaving at the same time.
Classroom Set up	Classes will be set up to support social distancing for staff and students. Students will be allocated a desk and chair for the duration of the ‘face to face’ sessions. Hand sanitiser, anti bac wipes and tissues will be available in all classrooms Allocated classrooms with have natural ventilation and doors will be wedged open to reduce hand contact.
Hand washing and hand sanitiser	Students will be expected to wash their hands with soap and water when arriving in school. Hand sanitiser is available at the school entrance and in classrooms, however it is advised that students bring their own hand sanitiser if they have sensitive skin.
Movement around site	Students will always be supervised and will not be permitted to move around the site unaccompanied. Duty staff will accompany students if they need to leave the classroom.
Visitors	Visitors are not permitted to enter the school building at this time. If parents need to speak to a teacher or senior member of staff, they should telephone reception who will arrange for a telephone call.
Fire Evacuation	A new fire evacuation plan has been shared with teaching staff and will form part of the induction. In the event of a fire, students will leave the building by the nearest available exit and muster on the grassed area at the front of the school with their class teacher.

Clearly the above will need to be amended and adapted as the National and regional picture changes but I look forward with my colleagues to seeing our young people back in the school from the week beginning 15 June 2020.

We would now like you to accept the above offer by clicking the link below – Wider Opening of School Response. This will also require you to tick you accept the expectations above, which are aligned to Neston’s Home/School Agreement.

[Wider Opening of School Response](#)

Kind regards



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