



School & Sixth Form

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Dear Parents and Carers

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I am sure that many of you will have seen the government's announcement over the half term holiday that the partial reopening of secondary schools has been postponed until 15th June at the earliest. I remain hopeful that the key tests set by the government will be met and that we will be able to resume some limited face to face teaching at Bay House before the summer holiday.

I understand that there will be concerns regarding the reopening of the school site and I would like to reassure you that we are continuing to complete detailed risk assessments and are putting in place measures to achieve enhanced hygiene practices and social distancing wherever possible. As mentioned in our previous letter, there will be no requirement for all students to 'physically' attend lessons and tutorials during this half term and each family will need to make their own decision based on their personal circumstances.

It is still our intention to offer each Lower Sixth student an initial meeting at Bay House with either their tutor or a member of the Sixth Form Team during the week commencing 15th June. These meetings will have a pastoral focus and will also provide students with an opportunity to discuss their progress when working online at home. If a student is unable to attend a scheduled appointment during this week then an alternative online meeting will be offered.

From 22nd June we are hopeful that we will be able to offer some limited face to face teaching in small groups. It is important to stress that the government has stated that only one quarter of the year group is permitted on site at any time. Therefore, the amount of contact time a student is offered on site will initially be very small and the online provision will continue to be a crucial element of learning until we believe it is safe for larger numbers of students and staff to access the school site at the same time. If the guidance from the government is altered we will of course change our plans accordingly.

This has evidently been a challenging time for both staff and students as we have had to adapt quickly to the challenges of working and learning at home. Our online provision is developing as teachers continue to find new resources to share and increase the number of live online lessons they deliver. In order for students to make good progress at home, it is vital that they attend all lessons in addition to promptly completing and submitting the work set by teachers. Students should now be familiar with the Google Classroom facility and must maintain good communication with their teachers via this platform or by email. Students must be available to participate in live lessons online during the school day and should only be absent in exceptional circumstances. If a student is unable to join a lesson they should notify their teacher and a member of the Sixth Form team.

We will write to you again before the 15th June confirming the arrangements for tutor meetings and providing you with more information regarding the social distancing measures which students will need to follow when arriving on site.

Kind regards,

Richard Dadd
Head of Sixth Form