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Dear Parent/Carer

Partial Re-opening for Year 10 Students

As you will be aware the Department for Education (DfE) is continuing its plans to start the wider opening of schools from 1st June 2020. The Government has published information for parents and carers which can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

As per my previous correspondence it is essential we do this only if it is safe to do so. To assist with our planning, I asked for all Year 10 parents and carers to fill out a possible return to school survey. If you haven't yet done so can you please complete this survey as a matter of urgency.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSee5IyIC3tpDTrIr_w7H5IARU2Sc4gwJV39zj1PJbvoLvUgnw/viewform?usp=sf_link

If it remains safe to look at the wider opening of school moving forward we will be proposing to open for all Year 10 students for 1 full day per week. All Year 10 students will be allocated into their own 'bubble' of no more than 15 students and they will attend school and be taught in this group for their allocated day. There will be no option to move bubbles or change allocated days. We apologise that this may cause some inconvenience for parents however safety is the most important concern we have for staff and students and as such we will not be negotiating this point.

We propose that staff will be trained across week commencing 1st June in the safety measures and routines that will be enforced when Year 10 are invited to return and that subsequently Year 10 will be invited to return, in their group for 1 day per week, from week commencing 8th June.

In the w/c 1st June, all Year 10 parents and carers will receive a detailed letter that outlines the safety measures that will be enforced and a home school agreement that they and their children must all sign and return electronically before their place will be granted. The home school agreement is an essential document that outlines to parents and children their responsibilities in keeping the community safe, as Axe Valley Academy will be doing everything in its power to keep every member of the community safe, and is absolutely essential. They will also receive their personal timetable with timings of the school day and rooming for them. The letter will also detail the essential information about what parents and carers must do if their child develops COVID-19 symptoms once commencing their place on school site.

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What happens now?

1. Staff will receive full face to face training about the safety procedures and risk assessments that will be fully enforced during the school day as part of wider opening. This training will be week commencing 1st June.
2. Year 10 parents and carers will receive detailed guidance about routines and expectations in school, a home school agreement and a personalised timetable for their child. This letter will be during week commencing 1st June.
3. Year 10 students will be invited, in their specific bubbles and at their allocated time, to attend face to face lessons 1 day per week in school. This face to face contact will begin from week commencing 8th June. They must have returned the signed home school agreement to be allowed access to their on site provision.

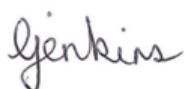
We will of course be in touch with more detail after half term. We wish you a restful and safe half term and look forward to being able to begin welcoming Year 10 back into school from 8th June.

I must emphasise that if at any point there are local or national changes that mean we no longer feel it is safe to engage in wider opening of school we will communicate this with you immediately as we will continue with a cautious and thorough approach.

In summary

- Home learning will continue to be set for Year 10
- No Year 10 students will return before week commencing 8th June
- Week commencing 1st June an information pack including expectations, home school agreement and timetable will be sent to every Year 10 student
- We plan to offer face to face contact with staff for Year 10 on site week commencing 8th June
- Year 10 students will be in a set class of less than 15 and invited in for 1 day per week in that 'bubble'. This day is not negotiable.
- All parents and students planning to take up their place from 8th June must have returned a signed home school agreement

Yours sincerely



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