



School update for Y10 parent / carers - school open from Monday 15 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of Y10 students

I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term.

Following what might be described as one of the most challenging episodes of headship I can recall, I write further to my recent correspondence regarding our plans for a phased increase in provision of our on-site education.

Owing to changed guidance from the Government last week, and its decision that the scientific evidence has been met to support return, we have been working closely with Bohunt Education Trust to review our plans. Together, **we have decided to open the school site to students in year 10 from Monday 15 June as part of a staggered and phased return.**

I realise the date has changed from our previous plan and would like to thank you, our students and amazing staff, for your continued diligence and patience throughout the lockdown period thus far. As you may know, a great deal of work went in to providing a safe and workable model for students in these year groups to return to school on 3 June; however, in light of the revised guidance, to reiterate: Monday 15 June will be the first date we welcome small groups of year 10s.

I will write again next week, with additional information relating to how the logistics of increased provision will run. Due to some of the new guidance we have had to change our original model so I have set out below some key points relating to our plan. **Until 15 June it is very important students continue** with their school timetable linked to home learning.

School will be 'different'

There will be differences at school. Students will not have their usual structure or friendship groups and staff will likely be wearing PPE during school hours. This said, we are bringing back year 10 groups in a pragmatic way to ensure that our school is as safe as it possibly can be. I refer you to my letter dated 20 May for further detail of our approach and the reasons behind it and, following survey feedback, we will provide an 'FAQs' document, which I hope may also help answer any queries you may have.

Hours on site

We believe that children should attend school, unless their health prevents this, e.g. they are deemed, by government guidance, to be 'extremely clinically vulnerable' or 'clinically vulnerable'.

Our plan is to ensure that **students are on site for one day per week, for a minimum of 4.5 hours per day**. This will mean that there will be a lunch break, for which **there will be no catering - students should bring a packed lunch**. We will provide further detail on the rota system next week.

Class allocation and timetable

Students will be taught in protective groups ('bubbles') of 12-15 [studying one hour each of English, Maths, Science and their humanity option (Geography or History)]. Whilst they may not always have their usual teacher, students will always be taught by a subject specialist and will be with the same bubble for the duration of their lessons. Detailed timetable information will follow next week.

Online learning

As has been the case since 20 March, our teachers will continue to provide online learning to all year groups. **Year 10 will continue to receive online provision in addition to on-site provision**. This is because timetabled hours on site from 15 June are reduced from our previous plan (which allowed for 4 x 2 hour sessions).

Physical distancing

School will be set up to allow for distancing of 2m between students and staff. **It is imperative that students have the maturity to respect this and we will have no choice but to send home children who may be in breach. Further incidences of being in breach may result in their offer of a place at school being withdrawn.**

As you can see the structure is very different to our previous model meaning students will only be in school one day a week but for longer on that day. We will only have a quarter of the year group in at any one time and in order to plan efficiently for this I am asking you to again complete a survey later this week. I realise this is somewhat irksome, given that this is the second time of asking, but it really is vital to inform our planning and give us an accurate picture to enable us to provide appropriate provision. Please follow the below link and **complete the short survey by 12:00 on Friday 5th June**.

<https://forms.gle/mw57yo84R14WQ7Jm9>

Thank you again for all your support. At this point, there are no plans from the Government for other year groups to return to the school site, but should things change before the summer, we will endeavour to coordinate this. I know how precious your children are, to you and indeed to us at Bohunt School Worthing. Therefore, I would like to reassure you that all the decisions we are making place the health and safety of all our community at the heart of everything we are planning.

Yours sincerely

Adam Whitehead
Headteacher

Bohunt School Worthing

65a Broadwater Road, Worthing BN14 8AH 01903 601361 www.bohuntworthing.com

Proud to be a part of the Bohunt Education Trust www.bohunttrust.com

VAT Reg no 126 6383 09 Company Reg No 7535642

Enjoy Respect Achieve

This e-mail and any files transmitted with it are intended solely for the addressee. If you are not the addressee please email it back to the sender and permanently delete it: this communication may contain confidential or privileged information which may not be used or disclosed except for the purpose for which it has been sent. Any views expressed by the sender of this email are not necessarily those of Bohunt School Worthing. Bohunt School Worthing employees are expressly requested, amongst other things, not to make any defamatory, threatening or obscene statements and not to infringe any legal right, including copyright, by email communication. Any such communication is contrary to Bohunt School Worthing's acceptable use policy and Bohunt School Worthing and Bohunt Education Trust will not accept any liability in respect of such a communication. Computer viruses can be transmitted via email. The recipient should check this email and any attachments for the presence of viruses. Bohunt School Worthing and Bohunt Education Trust accepts no liability for any damage caused by any virus transmitted by this email. E-mail transmission cannot be guaranteed to be secure or error-free as information could be intercepted, corrupted, lost, destroyed, arrive late or incomplete, or contain viruses.