



Information for all parents regarding phased return to school for Year 10

Dear Parents and carers

Further to recent correspondence, I write ahead of our phased increased provision to year 10, to share the finer details of what this will look like for students in this year group from next Monday, 15 June. Much of this letter is year 10 specific but I wanted all parents to receive a copy so you are informed of the processes we are going through which are likely to impact your child at a later date.

Before I do so, I would like to say an enormous thank you all once again, for the support you have shown throughout this testing time. I hope you know that our young people's and our staff's safety and wellbeing is at the forefront of everything we do.

From now until 15 June, Bohunt School Worthing will continue to operate as now, i.e. provision closed to all except children classed as vulnerable or children of key workers. For children not in these limited categories, we will continue to provide online learning so that they can keep up with their education. After some trials we will be moving towards teaching some 'live' online parts of lessons over the coming weeks. We will use our inset day next Tuesday for some training in this including our video conferencing protocols

Last Friday I set out the finer details of our plan and how it will run for increased provision to year 10 students. It has had some adjustment following feedback from you and staff. The final version will be published on Thursday along with your child's group code and day in school. For safeguarding reasons we will also need all parents and students to complete a short online document that states definitively that you will or not attend and includes an agreement on our adjust Behaviour policy (attached).

Survey feedback – 78% of parents have replied to our survey of which 90% indicated their child will return to school next Monday, and this has influenced our decision-making.

Safety of children and staff – the safety and wellbeing of your children and our staff has always been our priority. When formalising our plan, we have had to base our decisions on constantly changing advice and consider the safety of our community in school and those who are shielding and working from home. The school risk assessment document is available on the school website under 'About/Statutory information'

Importance of all year groups – we believe all year groups have a fundamental right to education at school. We are following DfE guidance, which clearly sets out the priority year groups – namely those taking public exams in 2021: year 10. Whilst our model enables year 10 to return safely from 15 June, so that we can offer face-to-face support to supplement their remote education, it still allows us to potentially open more widely in September for other year groups if safe to do so.

Our plan

School will be 'different'

As mentioned last week, 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, as we are encouraging them to take the most rigorous infection control measures they can. 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 know many of those who completed the survey, have asked questions as part of the feedback. I attach an 'FAQs' document, which I hope may help answer these queries – and refer you to the Government FAQs [here](#) which may also help.

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 4.5hrs per day**. This is because timetabled hours on site from 15 June are reduced from our previous plan (which allowed for 4 x 2hr sessions), in line with government guidance stipulating that only one quarter of the year group can return on site at a time. This will mean that there will be a lunch break, for which **there will be no catering - students should bring a packed lunch and their own drink**.

Students are expected to arrive from between 9:45 and 9:55 with lessons starting at 10:00. The final lesson finishes at 2:30pm. Students do not have to wear uniform and must bring their own full set of stationery including their iPad and a calculator

Class allocation and timetable

Y10 Students will be taught in protective groups ('bubbles') of between 9-12 students. 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 with your allocated day will be sent out on Thursday.

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 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 2hr sessions). All other year groups will continue to have online provision although at times the small number of teachers delivering in school may post their unavailability for certain lessons in which case any student who needs support should email them.

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 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.** I have attached our addendum to the behaviour policy which Y10 parents and students will have to sign electronically as part of their 'booking' a place to return to school this Thursday/Friday.

Thank you again for all your support. As all of us know, this is a difficult time, but I would like to reiterate: we are supremely confident in our approach and are doing, as we always have done, what is in the best interest of our children. Their safety - and that of our staff and wider community - is of the utmost importance to us all.

Yours sincerely

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