

Headteacher: Mr J Parr BA Hons

3rd June 2020

Dear Year 10 Parents/Carers and Students,

I hope that you have enjoyed the beautiful weather over half term and that you are safe and well.

As mentioned in Mr Parr's previous letter dated 21st May, please find further information regarding the upcoming face to face meetings for our Year 10 students. You should have today received an email with a short questionnaire regarding the appointments in school, please could you complete this by 9am Friday to allow us to finalise appointments for you. The date when these meetings will now commence is confirmed as the week beginning Monday 15th June. Due to Government guidance we, are unable to see all students on one day, so the meetings will take place over four days. Students from Caradoc Monday 15th, Hazler on Tuesday 16th, Lawley on Wednesday 17th and Ragleth on Thursday 18th. Mr Ward will also arrange to see some students on Monday the 15th too. Once we have received all responses to the questionnaire you will receive an email from school advising you of the date and time for your meeting. The meetings will last approximately 20 minutes and the teacher will have an audit of the work set at home to discuss with you. You will also have the opportunity to discuss any concerns that you may have and these will then be communicated back to the relevant subject teachers.

To ensure the safety for staff and students and to maintain social distancing, can I please take this opportunity to remind you of the previous rules set out by Mr Parr for your attendance on the day:

1. Students, please arrive at the school no more than 5 minutes before your scheduled time.
2. Parents – please either park in the lay-by at the school or on the main park. You are welcome to wait in your vehicle. We apologise for this lack of hospitality, but I am sure you will understand our reasoning.
3. Students must wait on one of the white lines painted on the pathways outside the school main entrance, to support social distancing.
4. A member of the senior team will meet pupils at the main school entrance to the school. IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT PUPILS DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDING UNTIL THEY ARE INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.
5. Students must go directly to the classroom they are directed to, noting the signage and floor tape markings please to ensure the safety of all on site.
6. The meeting will last no longer than 20 minutes to ensure a smooth running of the day.
7. At the end, students must leave the building via the door opposite B1 and go immediately to their car.
8. We expect Year 10 students to be in school uniform please.

Please be aware that the toilet facilities/ water fountains will not be in use.

We urge as many students as possible to do their best to come into school on their allocated day/ time. As well as meeting one of their teachers face to face, it would be good to greet our Year 10 students, even if just for a short time. The Government believe that Year 10 pupils need some face to face contact with school and we agree. However, should this not be possible, please can you email, admin@cssschool.co.uk. If you have opted for a telephone conversation on the questionnaire a member of staff will contact you directly.

From the week commencing 22nd June and again following guidance from the Department for Education, we are planning on inviting Year 10 students in to school to take part in some learning activities. With only 25% of the cohort allowed in on each day, we will be grouping students into 4 groups. Each group will be asked to attend on a set day, whilst continuing to be set home learning on the days they are not in school. Clearly it will not be possible to group students into their subject classes, as the makeup of teaching groups differs according to the subject.

We are currently in communication with the Local Authority regarding transport. At this time, we understand that school coaches will operate at 25% capacity with clear and strict social distancing also. We will share further information about this when we receive it. However, we will need to ensure that we are not exceeding the 25% capacity with Year 10 students on some buses. This will also therefore partly determine the makeup of the groups we invite in. The Government have advised that where possible, students are encouraged to walk/cycle to school or be dropped off/collected by a parent/carer. Clearly, in our rural setting, this may well not be possible. Students will not be following their usual timetable when in school but will be working to an adapted timetable, possibly of three longer sessions during the day. We will send more detail of the arrangements as we are able to. However, please note that students will also need to bring a packed lunch to school with them in the first instance as the school canteen will not be open.

School may feel a slightly different place when returning, with clear signage reminding all of social distancing expectations, hygiene and one way routes marked to help ensure the safety of both students and staff. We are planning for hand sanitizer to be available at key places around the site and regular washing of hands will be required to ensure personal hygiene. The door from the corridor into the toilets will be tied open to avoid students having to touch handles, etc and bins with lids, will be in each teaching space and around the site. Tissues and cleaning wipes will be available in all teaching spaces for staff to use in wiping down resources etc between sessions. There will also be an addendum to the behaviour policy which parents and students must be fully aware of, a copy of which is attached and can also be found on the school website. Please can you ensure that you have read this before returning, it follows Local Authority guidance and explains how we will deal with any behaviours that put others' safety in jeopardy.

You will receive your email regarding the face-to face meetings shortly and further details regarding returning to school will follow in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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