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Dear Year 10 Parents/Carers and Students,

We hope this finds you keeping well and your son/ daughter working to the best of their ability with the new way of learning we have needed to adopt. Overall we have had very positive responses from students and parents but we do know this is not a replacement for being in school and in the classroom.

You will, I am sure, have been listening to the news carefully recently and probably like ourselves you have been very frustrated with the lack of a clear direction on when and how we manage the re-opening of schools. Despite this we are committed to having, as guided by Government, “some face to face contact” with the key examination students, Year 10. We are very pleased to have the opportunity to do this and feel positive about being able to meet up with students, check their understanding of the work and to support them going forward.

We are now putting together a very carefully considered set of arrangements, the first of which we will commence on the 15th June. This first arrangement will be in the form of a one to one Mentoring/ Tutorial session with your son/ daughter’s Form Tutor, or another colleague where the Form Tutor is unavailable. This session will allow for much needed face to face communication between students and school and help to steer their learning going forward. By holding this initial one to one meeting we can ensure all necessary safe distancing takes place to protect students and teachers and we can all follow safe practices. For this first contact, we will be asking parents to bring pupils into school at a specific time for an appointment and then to take them home.

We will inform you later in the term if we are able to arrange a second phase of “face to face contact”. For this next phase to be finalised, we await further information from the Department for Education to help direct us with essential guidance on permitted pupil numbers in classrooms, safe practices and routines in school, meal provisions and, of course, how school transport may operate. You will have many questions about these issues, and we will contact you again when we have all of these things in place and we are ready to operate some kind of classroom teaching. At the present time it is looking like this second phase of contact will be a limited number of days for some specific targeted teaching.

Arrangements 15th– 19th June

- All Year 10 students will **individually** be assigned to a member of staff.
- A **date and time and location** for the meeting will be sent to you after 1st June.
- The meeting will last up to **20 minutes** and your assigned teacher will have an audit of the work you have been set to work on at home to discuss with you.

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- At the meeting you will be able to discuss any concerns you have which will be communicated back to the relevant subject teacher.

Please forgive the following detailed set of instructions below. Our intention is to make sure we are all supporting each other with our social distancing, and we protect you, your families and our teachers.

What to expect and what to do on you allocated day and time

1. Pupils, 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. 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.
4. Pupils must go directly to the classroom they been assigned to, noting the signage and floor tape markings please to ensure the safety of all on site.
5. The meeting will last around 15 minutes and no longer than 20 minutes.
6. At the end, pupils must leave the building the way they entered and go directly to their car.
7. 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.

What if we cannot get to school on the allocated day/ time?

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@csschool.co.uk and we will arrange for a telephone conversation to take place instead.

Finally, I am sure you will understand the necessity for everyone to follow the instructions laid out in this letter. They are there to protect us all. Please do stay safe and well and look out for the email which you will receive during the first week of next half term.

Yours sincerely,

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