



Herne Bay High School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

A warm welcome back from the half term break; I hope you managed to find time to enjoy the fabulous weather are having at the moment.

This is just a short communication to update you on the changes that have been announced about school return during the half term break. Last Thursday, we were told by the Prime Minister that the government's 5 tests had been passed and it was safe to continue with the planned re-opening of schools. This was followed 2 days later with guidance for secondary schools which you can read below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-secondary-schools>

This guidance instructed secondary schools to start to implement the following:

Expectations from 15 June

From 15 June, secondary schools are able to offer face-to-face support for a quarter of the year 10 and 12 cohort at any one time. Alongside this the government is asking secondary schools to:

- *continue providing full-time provision for vulnerable pupils in all year groups (including year 10 and year 12)*
- *continue providing full-time provision for children of critical workers in all year groups (including year 10 and year 12)*
- *provide some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10 and year 12 pupils, with a clear expectation that remote education will continue to be the predominant form of education delivery for these year groups and that this should be of high quality*
- *continue to use best endeavours to support all other pupils remaining at home, making use of the available remote education support and ensuring a high quality offer*

I can therefore confirm that **from the 15th June**, we will invite Year 10 students into school for some short sessions to support the remote learning that we have in place. From the 22nd June, Year 12 students will be invited in to support them with their post 16 courses.



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It is important to note that this will not be a return to school full time but a very bespoke, structured approach that ensures adherence to government policy and the safety of staff, students and the wider community.

As per government guidance, Year 7 to 9 students will not be returning to school until September 2020. This does mean that the remote learning we are providing will be continually developed and remain of the highest quality. We will also continue all the remote support to families that has been so well received thus far. Please do remember that we continue to be open for students of keyworkers or vulnerable students. Please contact the school in advance if this is required.

Year 10 parents will receive further information on Friday this week containing our full school risk assessment, changes to policies and a personal invitation for the days your child will be required on-site.

In the meantime, please continue to support us support you by continuing to communicate, encouraging your children back into good daily routines and by following us on Facebook, Twitter and our website for any updates.

Welcome back to an exciting term; one that will start to see students back on site..... at last!

With kind regards,

Mr Jon Boyes
Principal