

Hayle Academy

Dear Parents/ Carers

As you will be aware, the Government has asked schools to provide face to face support for students in Year 10 during the Summer Term. Whilst there are currently mixed responses to this requirement reported in the media, we are drawing up detailed plans to support the phased return to students to on-site provision. We believe it is in students' best interests to have some time in school before the end of the Summer Term, so they can begin to benefit from additional face to face time with teachers to support their learning and wellbeing. We know this is a worrying time for families: some parents will be more confident than others about their child being outside the family home and away from their supervision. Our outline plan to gradually implement a face to face support programme is as follows:

Preparation Phase : Friday 15th – Friday 22nd May: Consultation with parents, staff and governors. The site will be prepared for re-opening including deep cleaning and safety checks.

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May: Half Term

From Monday 1st June: School leaders finalise plans and share these with the school community.

Thursday 4th – Monday 8th June: Staff training and preparations for on-site support programme.

Phase 1 from Tuesday 9th June at the earliest, and if safe to do so.

Weeks 1 and 2: Students attend on- site support programme for half a day per week. (9.00 – 12.15) either Tuesday or Thursday. 4 tutorials per day. Week 1 will include care and guidance, maths, English and science. Week 2 will provide tutorials in option subjects. Online learning provision will continue alongside this additional support.

Phase 2 from Tuesday 23rd June at the earliest, and if safe to do so. This date will be delayed dependent on staff capacity and management restrictions.

Year 10 students attend on- site support programme for 2 half days per week, either Tuesday and Wednesday or Thursday and Friday. Tutorials will cover care and guidance, maths, English, science and option subjects each week.

Our on- site support programme is currently planned to end on or before Friday 17th July dependent on staffing capacity and other management restrictions.

As parents would expect, we have drawn up detailed plans to provide for the gradual, phased return of students to our on-site learning support programme. Our priority at this stage is to ensure that we can manage students and staff numbers safely and maintain social distancing.

Attached is a summary of the social distancing arrangements that will be in place. Although this is a summary, and only part of our planning process, I hope that by providing parents with considerable detail about social distancing arrangements, parents will be reassured about the

safety of their child whilst they are in school. We know this is of key importance in students and families feeling confident about any return to on-site provision.

We also know that there is more information we will need to share before students gradually return to our on-site support programme. We will do this in due course, once we have more information to confirm our initial planning.

At this stage in our preparations, we would be very grateful for feedback from parents. Please could I ask you to take the time to read through the attached plan for social distancing arrangements, and to complete the short questionnaire on the following link: <https://forms.gle/SJQNvjXbPQuZpXdn8> Your feedback will be very helpful in revising and finalising our arrangements and please make sure you respond as soon as possible and by Wednesday 20th May at the latest. If parents have any questions about our plans, these can be included in the comment box on the questionnaire. Likewise, if you would prefer a paper copy of the questionnaire, please do let us know.

I would like to add, that our plans are all provisional on having sufficient teaching and support staff available to be able to provide the high quality care and on-site provision that is always our aim. The national picture around school provision continues to be debated by teachers, scientists and the Government and we will keep parents fully informed about our plans over coming weeks.

I look forward to receiving your feedback, and, in due course, to welcoming your child back to school. Please be assured that our staff team will be here to support our students every step of the way as we move into this next phase of their education in the second half of the summer term. The partnership and support of our parents is highly valued and very much appreciated and we are extremely grateful for all feedback and messages of support and thanks that have been sent to us over the last couple of months. As always, parents with any questions are warmly encouraged to contact their child's tutor, or another member of our staff team, for advice and support.

Yours faithfully

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