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Dear Parent/Carer,



I hope you and your families are in good health and still coping with the surreal circumstances we still find ourselves in.

This week we welcomed the return of Year 10 and Year 12 students. Approximately two thirds of both year groups safely returned to school from Monday to Friday. It was wonderful to see them all and whilst some students initially seemed quite nervous once they were in the classroom with their teachers, it started to feel just a little bit more normal. Students spoke about their experiences during lockdown and were quite honest about their routines and sometimes lack of routine! I know that maintaining a good routine and motivation has been probably one of the biggest challenges that students have faced during this time. We now need to think of this as the start of a 'reset' and we would welcome your continued support in encouraging students to 'get up early' and start a healthy and balanced timetable routine.

The health and safety procedures that were put into place worked very smoothly and students adjusted superbly well. I must say students conducted themselves impeccably and I felt very proud seeing them walk through the school gates.

All students will have the opportunity to have face to face contact 'in school' once a week for up to 3 hours for the rest of the term. Even if students did not return last week, they still have an allocated place in a social bubble. Please see Mr Moroney's letter from last week with the exact details of day and start time.

Just a reminder that the purpose of 'in school' face to face contact has four main aims:

- 1) To support the physical re-engagement of students in the school building
- 2) To help re-build positive relationships with other students and teachers
- 3) To support good learning habits and routines and to help with planning/organisation
- 4) To support the students' well-being and sense of belonging.

Face to face contact 'in-school' is not meant to replace the learning opportunities and the new online timetable but it is meant to support and enhance learning through achieving the aims outlined above. If you are in school you will NOT miss your online lesson. This will be part of the face to face contact 'in-school' session.

Just a few reminders for you:

- Students do not need to wear their ties.
- Students can bring in their home devices to use in the classrooms: laptop/phones and headphones.
- Students continue to follow designated day/start times.



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- Upon entry into the school building, all students will be supervised and they will hand sanitise immediately and wait in a clearly marked out area/spot, adhering to social distancing. They will then be escorted by their teacher to wash their hands before entering their classroom.
- Social bubbles of 8 remain the same for the rest of the term. Students will use the same classroom/desks at all times and will not share equipment.
- Students will be escorted to the toilets and supervised for hand washing.
- The time slots for Year 12 and Year 10 have been organised around the new online learning timetables so all students can access them whether they attend school or not.
- It is really important that all students check their emails regularly and can access Teams as this will be the new form of learning for the rest of this term.
- **Any student who is unable or unwilling to maintain social distancing or who may put others at risk with unacceptable behaviour will be asked to leave school site after parents have been contacted and will not be allowed to return to school.**

Learning:

The new online learning timetable is now in its second week and has been incredibly successful. Students in school this week have provided extremely positive feedback about these new learning opportunities and have enjoyed having more interaction with their peers and teachers. It is important to remember that it is never too late to join in and please encourage your child to access Microsoft Teams if they haven't done so already. If you or your child needs support with this or do not have a device then please let us know as soon as possible so we can remove any barrier you may be facing. You can contact us on ICTSupport@pks.coventry.sch.uk

Where to find work:

Students can find their work on the front page of the website under 'Key Documents', or in 'Assignments' on Teams or on SharePoint. Again if your child is unable to access any of these then please let us know.

Year 10 Online Timetable:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11.00-12.00	Science	History / Geography	English	Maths	Option E
14.00-15.00	English	Maths	Science	History / Geography	Option F

Year 12 Online Timetable:



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.00-10.00	English, Business, HSC, IT	Psych, Maths, Business, HSC	History, Chemistry, Business	Physics, Soc, IT, HSC	Biology, Further Maths, Business
13.00-14.00	Physics, Soc, Business	Biology, Further Maths, Business, HSC	English, Business	Psych, Maths, HSC	History, Chemistry, HSC

We know that this is still a worrying and anxious time for us all as we balance the concerns of health and education. Many of the students we spoke to this week were asking about next year and what will happen with exams. We are still waiting for guidance and announcements from Ofqual and exam boards and we will keep you all informed. My response to students has been, that whilst we cannot yet confirm what that exams will look like, what we can definitely say is that we will ensure that they will be ready for whatever is asked of them. This can include flexing the timetable and providing the additional support needed. In short, we will ensure that they are ready for what is required.

I hope you feel supported and reassured that we have done everything we can to ensure the safe return of students and staff. We will continue to work together to serve our local community in order to safeguard the well-being and education of all of our students as we navigate this extraordinary set of circumstances we find ourselves in.

Please do not forget that we are here to try and help you as much as we can so please let us know how we may support you further.

Thank you for your continued support and please stay safe and healthy.

Kindest regards,



Mr Clayton
 Headteacher