



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

Including Berryfields Primary

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following further clarification from the Department for Education, we are now able to give you greater detail about Year 10 students returning to school. As I outlined in last Monday's bulletin, the advice and guidance from the Department for Education stated that we can bring 'a quarter of Year 10 and 12s for some face to face support to supplement learning'. A summary of this guidance is below:

- *Secondary schools should offer this face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of Year 10 and Year 12 pupils, which should remain the predominant mode of education during this term for pupils in these year groups.*
- *Schools are able to have a quarter of the Year 10 and Year 12 cohort in school at any one time.*
- *Any plans that secondary schools have made for pupils to return earlier in June should be amended to commence from 15 June.*
- *Vulnerable children and children of critical workers in other year groups should be accommodated as currently.*

In bringing these students back, the Academy will be following the guidelines below:

- *Secondary schools should aim to practise social distancing in line with the measures the government is asking everyone to adopt in public and in workplaces, including keeping pupils 2 metres apart from each other where possible.*
- *Ensuring sufficient distance between pupils is likely to mean classes are no more than half their usual size.*
- *Mixing between different groups of pupils should be kept to a minimum.*
- *Where rotas are used, secondary schools should avoid split day rotas within the same day and ensure that only a quarter of children are ever in the school on any one day. Vulnerable children and children of critical workers in all year groups should still be encouraged to attend full-time.*
- *Within the guidance above, schools have the flexibility to implement face-to-face support for Year 10 and Year 12 pupils in the way that best suits their circumstances.*

From **Monday, 15 June we will be inviting every Year 10 student in for a one to one well-being and progress meeting**. These meetings will be with a teacher and will explore how students have managed the lock down period and the work they have done remotely. They are an opportunity to provide some support and reassurance as well as speak to them about their progress during this time. From tomorrow (10 June), students will be contacted by phone by the pastoral team to arrange these.

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**From Monday, 22 June we will be bringing a quarter of the year group into school at a time.** It is likely that this will mean that a quarter of each year group will attend school for one day per week. On these days they will be taught a range of lessons involving English, maths, science and some support for their options subjects. Following the guidance outlined above, strict social distancing and hygiene measures will be in place on these days, including staggered entry and exits from school. Students will be informed of their days when they come in for their meetings in the week commencing 15 June and we will also write to parents and carers to outline the specific details of these arrangements which will include the most up to date risk assessment for students in school.

Throughout this phased re-opening, remote learning will be the main form of education for students.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any enquiries about the arrangements above, please contact [enquiries@theacademy.me](mailto:enquiries@theacademy.me)

Yours sincerely

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