

Sunday, 31 May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Re-opening of School to Year 10 students.**

Following the most recent statement by the Prime Minister and updated government guidance, we are preparing the school re-opening for Year 10 students ONLY from 15 June 2020.

This will allow us to undertake some form of face to face tutorials with students and help them with their studies. The plan is that these tutorials will be one to one or very small groups of two or three students.

Thank you to all the parents who have filled in the survey, letting us know if your child will be returning. If you have not given us your information, you can still do so [here](#).

Over the past few weeks we have all been working very hard to carry out very detailed risk assessments and put in place all possible measures to ensure everyone's safe return to school. We have worked very closely with the other schools in our Trust, as well as speaking to other schools in the borough, to ensure we have best practice measures in place.

In re-opening we will be guided by two absolutely critical key principles:

*The obligation to ensure the safety, welfare and well-being of pupils, parents and staff; and making the best possible decisions based on the evidence we have and within the constraints and parameters, we face in our school.*

Extensive plans are therefore being put in place to ensure the safety of every student, teacher and staff member. Some of these include:

- One-to-one tutorials (limiting class size to 2-3 students)
- Handwashing at points of entry
- Cleaning of classroom areas and other surfaces between sessions and tutorials
- Spacing of students within the classroom
- Social distancing measures
- Designated entry and exit points into the school
- Designated seating in the classroom



- Use of hand sanitizer outside of the classroom
- Signage to remind about handwashing and keeping a 2 metre social distance at all times.
- Use of a screen during face to face tutorial times with staff

The details of these tutorial sessions will be conducted be communicated to you shortly. A personalised timetable with allocated appointment slots will be created for each student.

I will also be making a short video to show you the school with all our risk assessments in place.

### **Covid symptoms**

Any students and staff who present with COVID-19 symptoms will be isolated prior to being sent home. They will then be required to take a test and can only come back to school once we have seen a negative test result. If the test is positive they will need to stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days and pupils within their bubble will also have to self-isolate as a precautionary measure for 14 days. After the 14 days the student or adult will be retested and can only return to school once the test is negative. By agreeing to send your child back to school you are agreeing to have them tested should they develop any Covid-19 symptoms. Students will not be allowed back in school until parents/carers provide us with the negative result.

### **Home learning**

In the meantime, please encourage your child to keep accessing the work from the school website or from the work books that were supplied to families. I do understand it is not the ideal method for them to learn but we will do our best to bridge the gap in their learning through these tutorial sessions.

Thank you for all the support and motivation you have provided to keep students on task during these challenging times. Thank you for your kind words about our teachers. Heron Hall is very proud of its parents.

Kind regards

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