



Dear Parents/Carers and students,

4th June 2020

COVID-19

I hope that you and your families are keeping well, are safe and were able to enjoy a half-term break in line with government guidance. Our whole ND and SBC community are in our prayers and thoughts.

Over the half-term break the government announced that they were postponing the date for Y10 students to receive some face-to-face contact with teachers to 22nd June 2020. We have therefore had to adjust our plans for phased re-opening for these year groups. **Please note that these plans remain provisional and are subject to change, based on further guidance/instruction from the government.**

Phased re-opening plans for Year 10

We aim to welcome some Year 10 students back to school for 3 weeks during w/c 22nd June, w/c 29th June and w/c 6th July. We are considering all government guidelines within our planning and will write to you in due course to outline the phased return plan in more detail.

To assist us in our planning, an email was sent during half-term asking you to complete a survey to inform us whether you intend on sending your child back to school or not. If you haven't already, please complete and return the survey. Thank you to those of you who have responded.

Guidance for Parents

A thorough school re-opening action plan and risk assessment has been written and has received approval from the Board of our Multi-Academy Trust, Plymouth CAST. We will ensure the following measures when students return to school:

- Increased cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (door handles, handrails, table tops etc.)
- Ensuring social distancing measures of keeping two metres apart
- Hand washing on entry to and upon leaving the school building and regularly throughout the day
- Hand sanitiser will be available throughout the school
- Students will be kept in their subject groups and rooms for the duration of the school day
- There will be no social mixing with other groups at lunch or break times, where students can go outside or sit distanced at lunchtime, no more than 4 to a large table
- Classrooms will be rearranged to accommodate the 2m distance
- Students should bring their own packed lunch, snacks and drink to school with them as we will have no food provision
- Equipment - students must bring their own books/text books/pencil cases as these cannot be shared
- Other essential equipment such Art supplies will be sanitised after each use
- Where possible, families are advised to wash clothes worn to school daily

To comply with guidance about not mixing social groups, all lunch time and after-school clubs will be cancelled until further notice and therefore, the school site will only open to students from 08.30am to 3.30pm.

The government have issued updated guidance for parents and carers on:

- The wider opening of educational settings which includes details about opening secondary schools to Year 10 pupils from 15th June and to provide links to guidance on safer travel
- What you need to know about schools and other education settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak including information on the curriculum, after school activities, repeating a year for pupils, transport and keeping children safe online. They have also amended information on whether it is compulsory to send pupils to educational settings and education for children at home.

Both of these can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

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Educare Provision for the duration of the Summer Term

Thank you to those parents who have already informed us that they will require educare provision over the Summer Term. If you haven't already done so but your circumstances have changed and you now require your son to attend the service on any week day(s) please email provision@stbonifaces.com as soon as possible. We ask that you include evidence of your key worker status (e.g. photo of I.D badge or letter from your employer) within your email and detail which week day(s) you will require the service. It is important for us to know which students to expect and when so that we can plan appropriate staffing ratios and rooming to adhere to social distancing measures. Thank you in advance for cooperating with our request.

Students attending educare should:

- Enter and exit school via Visitor Reception entrance
- Parents to park in the first top car park and not to go past the electric gates
- Arrive at school for 08.50am and will be released at 3.25pm
- Wear their school uniform
- Bring their P.E kit
- Bring their own packed lunch, snacks and a drink
- Bring a book to read
- Wash their hands on arrival and before leaving school and regularly throughout the day
- Maintain social distancing measures by keeping 2m apart from other people at all times

Changes to usual access to site arrangements

Please remember that no parents, carers or visitors, other than essential service providers, will be permitted on site until further notice. Parents are asked to communicate with the school until further notice by telephone or email.

Parents/carers who plan to drop off and/or collect their child from school should wait in their cars, or for those on foot, should arrange a meeting point with their child away from the school to minimise the likelihood of crowding and infringements on social distancing requirements which put people at risk.

Current Years 7, 8 and 9

Teachers are continuing to provide online work for the above year groups so that they can continue their education at home, in line with government instructions. Thank you for working with your child to establish a routine and for supporting them to complete their work. We understand that these are unprecedented times with lots of you juggling your own work with the needs of your families. Please remember that you or your son can contact tutors or subject teachers via email if you have any queries or concerns.

Year 9 students are no longer required to complete work for the subjects that they will not be taking forward as an option in Year 10. Work for core subjects (English, Maths, Science and R.S) should continue to be completed by all students.

Thank you again for your ongoing support during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs K White
Headteacher

DfE Education Helpline - Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline with questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care by Phone: 0800 046 8687. Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday), 10am to 4pm (Saturday and Sunday) or email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk