



10th June 2020

Dear parents, carers and friends of our Year 10 students

I hope this letter finds you happy, safe and well.

We are hoping and looking forward to seeing your child next week as part of our Year 10 phased return plan following the government's announcement that a quarter of Year 10s will be able to come to school one day per week from Monday 15th June. Thank you to those of you that joined us on our live Q and A last week - I hope it was useful. Those that weren't able to attend will have received the presentation with a clear outline of the processes and will be well aware of the steps we are taking to keep your child and our staff safe as we get the opportunity for face to face learning.

At Chessington we feel that our online learning provision has provided a good standard of learning for our students and that will continue, but nothing can replace real teaching. For a while yet we need to get used to the mixed economy of some face to face and some online learning. The teaching that will be offered on site from the 15th is obviously not a 'return to normal' but it's a real step forward and we are very excited to see all of your children next week. The school environment will be different and somewhat of an unfamiliar experience for both students and staff alike. It will be the new normal for the rest of the summer term. The old normal of us teaching your children with passion, caring about them and helping them progress will still be there.

To ensure a reduced risk of virus transmission, as you know, we will be bringing the Year 10 students into school in smaller groups - which we are calling 'bubbles'. The bubbles and allocated bubble teachers will not cross into other bubbles. The finer details of how this will operate will be outlined in an email following this letter. The subjects taught will be English and Maths and Science.

Students will also have opportunities for some wellbeing and other collective activities, all socially distanced of course. Breaks and lunch will be in smaller groups, socially distanced and well monitored outside. There will be very clear signage up around the school and students must adhere to this so that we can keep them safe. Please continue to read the information in this letter. A recording of last week's Q and A can be seen again [here](#). On Friday you will receive some further information and Year 10 students will get an explanatory video from me.

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### **Guidance and expectations for Year 10 students attending school before the summer**

Please read this guidance carefully as it is vital to the health and safety of all. We need parents to go through this with our students so they are well prepared, have any anxiety removed and are excited to see their Year 10 student peers and teachers.

#### **Amended expectations for our students:**

Please, do not attend school if you are unwell, or display any symptoms of COVID-19 <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>. Parents need to phone the school absence line as usual.

- Attend wearing full and appropriate Chessington School PE kit. Blazers should not be worn
- Aim to travel to school without using public transport. As the start times are later than normal, students who live within a 2 mile radius of the school are strongly urged to either walk or cycle. Bike racks will be available at each entry point assigned to each 'bubble'
- Do not travel in to school with any student from outside your 'bubble'
- The 2 metre rule applies at all times - including at break and lunch where students will be in mini-bubbles of smaller numbers and will be supervised at all times
- Aim to arrive at the main entry point at 0825
- You will be met by a member of staff and directed to your learning area. **Wait on the yellow dots until you are met by a member of staff**
- Do not arrive beforehand and gather on the street
- Bring with you all of your usual learning materials e.g. books and pencil case equipment. Remember to bring a calculator. As a school we cannot pass on equipment between staff and student or student to student
- You will be allocated a desk for the day you are in. Only sit or touch this desk. It will be well distanced from other desks and you will be at least two metres away
- Work produced during the sessions will be handed into a box at the end by the students
- Any tissues or medication e.g. hayfever tablets etc must be brought in by the students. They must be brought in with a note from parents
- If you wish to wear any PPE that is fine. Again, note that the government guidance isn't needed. Sanitiser will be available but a small handy personal bottle would be advised
- Bring a large water bottle (**the fountains are out of use at this time**) and snacks as well as your lunch. There is no access to water on site and there will be no canteen service
- Only use the designated toilet for your Year 10 'bubble'
- **Wash your hands regularly**
- Only use the designated break area for your 'bubble'
- At the end of the day leave the site swiftly and please do not wait for other students outside of your 'bubble' - you should not be travelling home with them anyhow.



Of course, in a gentle and appropriate manner, we will go over this with our students on their first day. We know this is a tough time and we all have to put your health and safety first. If any student fails to meet these safety expectations they will face the risk of being sent home and excluded in line with our behaviour policy. Safety of all, including our colleagues, is paramount.

Basic expectations of course haven't changed:

1. We never disturb the learning of others
2. We are never unkind

We know there are a lot of expectations and they are tight but we hope you all know this is because we want to keep you safe. It also means that if we do well at this we get to see you more in school and you have the opportunity for even more face to face learning.

#### **Details of the specific 'bubbles'**

'Bubbles' have been created by using students' Science and Maths groups - therefore there are four 'bubbles', one for each day, all of whom have been given a day as their label. Please look out for the email following this that outlines which Bubble your son/daughter is in. Each 'bubble' will be taught in one of our large spaces, have their own toilets, playground area, as well as their own timings for the day. The lessons that are delivered in school will also be posted onto google classroom so students can access the lesson at home at a later date. When students are in school, they may be missing other lessons, in particular their option subjects. The work from these lessons can be caught up and Miss Wilson will be sending details. Please remember that this day represents only one in five and so we need the other four days to be full of learning and engagement.

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**A reminder of the amended timings of the school day for Year 10:**

Time	Activity
0825 - 0830	Staggered Entry
0830 - 0900	Tutor Time
0900 - 1015	Lesson 1
1015 - 1030	Communal Activity
1030 - 1045	Break Time
1045 - 1200	Lesson 2
1200 - 1215	Communal Activity
1215 - 1245	Lunch Time
1245 - 1400	Lesson 3
1400 - 1415	Social Time
1415 - 1430	Staggered dismissal

If you have not yet completed the survey to confirm your child's attendance then please do by clicking [here](#). As you can expect, a lot of work is going into this and so if we have a clear idea of who we have then we can plan even more effectively.

Thank you for taking the time to read all of this. Please do take the time to read to your child and go through their questions. If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact us at [contactus@chessington.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:contactus@chessington.kingston.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

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