



Rayner Stephens

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on the plans for partial re-opening on the 22nd June 2020, the Director of Population Health for Tameside Local Authority, Dr Jeanelle de Gruchy wrote again to educational establishments on Friday with recommendations that we should continue to plan wider reopening from the 22nd June. This document is enclosed with this letter for you to read.

To be in a position to reopen the school, in consultation with the local authority and scrutiny by the Trust Directors and Governors we have completed a full risk assessment. This has led to the creation of a new parent guidance booklet on changes to school and the expectation for all learners to ensure that we can be as safe as possible in school. A link to this document is included in this letter and copies can be found on the website. From the 22nd June the school will reopen but only in limited areas with a one way system, which can be found on the map provided within the Parent Guide. There have also been changes to the Behaviour Policy to support the changes that have had to be made. All the changes are detailed in the Parent Guidance and it is essential that all families read and discuss with their child. This week all staff are receiving training on the changes and new expectations in school due to COVID 19, in preparation for increased numbers of learners accessing the building next week.

From 22nd June we expect to see increased numbers of vulnerable learners in school, with at least three classes of learners in the vulnerable category receiving full time education in school. Parents of these learners will receive a follow up letter this week with the child's staggered start and finish time and which classes they are in.

From the 22nd June we will also be starting our new 'blended learning' provision for Year 10 learners. So far we have approximately 70% of Year 10 learners that will be accessing this new provision. This includes three hours of weekly face to face lessons in school covering English, Maths and Science. These lessons will then be followed up throughout the week with 'live lessons' in all GCSE subjects. All learners will also continue to receive remote learning activities that are to be completed and sent to the class teacher for marking and feedback. All Year 10 parents should have received letters with a detailed summary of live learning they will receive a follow up letter this week with the exact timetable for their child for all remote learning activities and details of the face to face day including the staggered start time and the class their child is allocated to. This is a new way of working for everyone and the technical sides of the 'live lessons' may take a little bit of time for staff and learners to familiarise themselves with. Once this is fully operational in Year 10 we hope to extend this element of the remote learning to other year groups.

We are acutely aware that many of the remote learning options available rely heavily on access to ICT. We continue to provide paper copies of the remote learning for anyone who needs it and are now trying to get a better a picture of all learners' access to key electronic equipment. Some of our Year 10

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learners do qualify for the use of laptops funded by the government scheme. For the learners that are eligible their parents/carers will be contacted later this week to organise receipt of this equipment. In years 7-9 we will shortly be conducting a further survey to collect further information on your child's access to online resources to help us personalise their remote learning experience and gather vital information to support any 'catch-up' interventions that will be needed at a later date.

New remote learning packs for Years 7 and 8 are live on the website today. Year 9 will go live at the end of the week. If you require a paper copy of these resources please contact reception and arrange for collection. I will update parents again at the end of next week.

Yours faithfully,



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