



Rayner Stephens

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the work that has taken place in school this week. Whilst the school remains closed to the majority of learners, school is open to those learners with an Education Health Care Plan or an allocated Social Worker. These learners are entitled to access provision in school, be it on a part or full time basis. The number of learners in these that are currently accessing school are still small but are increasing week on week. The school has contacted all parents currently accessing provision and established that this is not required during the week of May Half term so the school will be completely closed to learners and staff during that week.

You will all no doubt be aware of the confusion and uncertainty that currently surrounds the recent announcements by the government regarding the phased re-opening of schools, and I know that this will be a source of additional worry and anxiety for some of you.

As a profession School Leaders are finding it exceptionally difficult to navigate the directives and guidance we are being sent to understand fully what the next steps will be for us as a school. What we do know at the current time is that from the 8th June onwards the school should aim to be in a position to cater for all learners currently classified on the vulnerable lists to return to school. Following this in line with the government announcements we will prioritise providing some form of face to face contact with all Year 10 learners. This is to complement and supplement the remote learning they are currently doing. At this stage, it is not expected that this will be all Year 10 learners in school at the same time for full time provision, but we are monitoring the guidance carefully for any further updates on this. We are working closely with the Local Authority who have been extremely supportive in coordinating the approach across the borough. Current their first priority is supporting primary schools however they are already providing additional support to help us in the planning phase of what partial reopening will look like. We will keep you updated with our planning and look to provide a parent guide once the planning has been finalised.

In other developments all year group have now received the latest work updates. There is also a further update on the website that is provided every Monday afternoon that directs learners to supplementary online lessons that are scheduled on Oak Academy and BBC Bitesize throughout that week. Year 11 learners are being further supported by the higher education colleges in the borough which have provided work for Year 11 learners directly related to the courses they have applied to study next year. Please visit the school website to access the links or the individual college's webpage. Many of our learners have been sending their work into school for their teachers to look at. To celebrate the work that learners are doing we are sharing these successes through the AspirePlus twitter feed that all parents can access.

You will continue to find all information needed for accessing the Free School Meals Voucher System, learners work and careers advice, as well as safeguarding and mental health services on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

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