

**Parents/Carers of All Students
In Year 10**

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Dear Parents/Carers

As many of you will be aware the Government have outlined their plans for a three-stage approach to 'rebuild the UK for a world with COVID-19.' It is important we all remember that this will not be a quick return to 'normality' and that all the Government's plans are based on meeting their five tests and seeing continued reductions in infection rates. The Government's plan states:

'We therefore anticipate, with further progress, that we may be able, from the week commencing 1 June, to welcome back more children to early years, school and further education settings. We will only do this provided that the 5 key tests set by government justify the changes at the time, including that the rate of infection is decreasing and the enabling programmes set out in the roadmap are operating effectively. As a result we are asking schools, colleges and childcare providers to plan on this basis, ahead of confirmation that these tests are met.'

There is a clear intent to re-open schools on 1st June for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 in the Primary phase. There is also an ambition to see Secondary schools:

'...offer some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education for Year 10 students...'

There is no mention of other Year Groups in secondary schools at the moment, and we should consider carefully what we tell our young people. It may not be wise to promise children that they will be returning as any return is conditional on continued improvement in the COVID-19 crisis. Equally, it has not been confirmed that other Year Groups **will not** be returning before September or even if they will be returning **in** September. We will, of course, communicate again if and when we receive additional guidance from the Government.

Further guidance for parents/carers has been issued by the Government and can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

For now, Hanham Woods Academy remains open for vulnerable children and those whose parents/carers are key workers – if you require a place based on these categories for your child please do contact the Academy using HWAclosure@clf.uk We will continue to provide resources via Show My Homework which we would strongly recommend students attempt to complete and submit to their teachers. We would also recommend that young people follow a routine or structure each day. This has been proven to support their mental health and wellbeing and will also support their return to Academy life, whenever this may be. We do understand that life at home will be different for everyone and do not want the completion of work to add to any anxieties you or your family may be experiencing, therefore, please do discuss with your child's teachers if you need more work or you are struggling to complete what is currently being set.

We will also continue to support you and your family in any way we can. If you need to reach out for support please do so; we have a team waiting to respond to any emails sent to HWAclosure@clf.uk

Can I take this opportunity to remind you of the Government's guidance around good hand hygiene, social distancing and that you should still only leave the house for exercise, to shop for essentials or to work if you cannot work from home and it is safe for you to do so. Stay safe and stay strong.

Many thanks



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