

The Sir John Colfox Academy



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Dear Parents

Year 10

I have been working with the Senior Leadership Team to plan for more face to face contact with our Year 10 and 12 students from the 15 June.

The Government guidance was finally published on Monday 25 May. The guidance clearly states that at any one time we cannot have more than **25%** of the Year 10 and 12 students in. This means approximately 45 students in Year 10 and 20 in Year 12.

These groups will have 15 students in and will then form a 'bubble'. They will be taught in that 'bubble' for all the time they are in school for that session. They will not be allowed to mix with other groups on that day. We are also not allowed to have groups in on rotas, which is some in during the morning and some in the afternoon. When a student comes in for another session on another day they will form a new 'bubble'.

These sessions are designed to ensure that students have that vital contact with their teachers before the summer holiday. Each session they will be in their 'bubble' with, for example, their English teacher. Each session is three hours long. This means that they will get to spend three hours with each of their teachers over the course of the term. For this planning we have produced a complicated timetable which have the dates and times that each group will run. We will publish this along with more specific information tomorrow. This will mean we can follow the Government guidelines and also provide some good quality face to face learning. The school day will be different for these students on different days and there will be no on site catering. When the sessions finish they will need to exit the site so that cleaning can take place ready for the following day.

As well as the Year 10 group of students we will also have two other groups in school, those in Year 12 and our key workers and vulnerable students. These will be taught in a different part of the school by different teachers to be in their own 'bubble'. As you can imagine planning for this with the staffing we have available, as some staff are on the vulnerable list, has been difficult.

This will mean that your daughter or son will have some good quality time with their teacher to review and develop their learning in each subject area. Along with this we are asking all Year 10 teachers to have an individual meeting with their students over the course of this term via Microsoft Teams or a phone call. They will still be setting and feeding back lessons online or in the packs for those without internet.

This is a good package of support which focuses on more face to face with their specific teachers whilst maintaining safety for all. I have produced a risk assessment and we have got PPE. I have put the safety of the students and staff at the heart of this planning.

Tomorrow you will get a comprehensive letter with more details and the timetable but I thought it was important to give you an idea of the plan today. We will also answer, in the letter, some of the questions from the survey we put out earlier this week. I would appreciate you read tomorrow's letter carefully, and in particular the timetable, as we have three different start and end times for each of the Year 10 'bubbles'.

Thank you for all your support over this difficult and devastating time. As we now move into the final phase of the year I start to wonder what school will be like in September, and when we will get back to a more normal routine. We miss not having all the students in and many teachers have said that all they want is their class back as I do too. We have all learned new ways of working and learning and I want to thank the students, parents and staff for making this work so well over the past few weeks. It is by working together that we can come out of this stronger and ready for whatever comes next.

Yours sincerely



Adam Shelley
Headteacher