

The Sir John Colfox Academy



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Dear Parents

Year 12

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 12 and 10 students in. This means approximately 45 students in Year 10 and 20 in Year 12.

We are planning with Year 12 to get them in to see their teachers at least once over the five weeks. We are also asking teachers to contact them via Microsoft Teams for a one to one session. This is to enhance the online learning that has been working well over the lockdown. Mr Teasdale will also be holding Teams tutorial sessions.

As well as the Year 12 group of students we will also have two other groups in school, those in Year 10 and our key workers and vulnerable students. These will be taught in a different part of the school by different teachers. This means that on each day we have to organise the staff available into three groups and each group has to remain separate. Year 12 will enter and leave the building via the Art room fire escape and will be taught in the Art and Textiles rooms. 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.

I have produced a risk assessment and we have got the PPE. I have put the safety of the students and staff at the heart of this planning. We will be sending a more comprehensive letter including timetable and safety information so you can make the decision about whether you feel it is safe for your daughter or son to attend these face to face sessions, but I wanted to give you an idea of what will be happening.

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