



1st June 2020

Dear parent/carer,

Returning to school in Year 10

I am writing to provide you with an update on our plans for Year 10 and their return to school.

On 24 May the Prime Minister announced that secondary schools should plan on the basis that from the week commencing 15 June, we can invite Year 10 students back to Nova for some face-to-face support with their teachers, subject to the government's five tests being met.

We have completed a comprehensive risk assessment in line with the Government's scientific advice. I am confident that the programme set out below will ensure that the planned return to school is safe for staff and students.

Nova Hreod will open for Year 10 pupils in week commencing 15th June.

Year 10 pupils will be expected to attend school for one morning per week.

The government has advised that pupils should be taught in 'bubbles' (groups) of no more than 15. This presents challenges for secondary age pupils, as they study many different subjects and are taught by at least eight different teachers.

Leaders at Nova have agreed the following model for Year 10:

- Year 10 pupils will be placed in a 'bubble' of no more than 15 pupils.
- Pupils in each 'bubble' will attend school for one morning per week.
- For the rest of the week, pupils will continue with a Work from Home programme.
- On their day in school, they will complete three lessons: English, Maths and Science.
 - There will be two Year 10 'bubbles' in school on Monday.
 - There will be two different Year 10 'bubbles' in school on Tuesday.
 - There will be two different Year 10 'bubbles' in school on Wednesday.
 - There will be two different Year 10 'bubbles' in school on Thursday.
- There will be a staggered start to the day for pupils in each bubble. This will minimise the number of pupils travelling to and from school together.

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Bubbles 1, 3, 5, 7, 9	Bubbles 2, 4, 6, 8, 10
Theatre	Dance Studio
Arrive 9:20-9:30	Arrive 9:30-9:40
Maths 9.30-10.30	English 9.40-10.40
Break 10.30-10.45	Maths 10.40-11.40
Science 10.45-11.45	Break 11.40-11.55
English 11.45-12.45	Science 11.55-12.55

- Pupils will not be expected to wear school uniform. There will be guidance provided about what is and isn't acceptable in terms of clothing in a future letter.
- Pupils should not bring a bag into school. Books and equipment will be provided by the school.
- The school will provide a drink and a snack for pupils, so they should NOT bring their own food or drink into school.
- One 'bubble' will be taught in the theatre and the other 'bubble' will be taught in the dance studio. This will mean that social distancing can be secured.

I will write to you in the near future to inform you of the bubble your child has been placed in and which day they will be expected to attend school. This will give you further details about the expectations that will be in place when Year 10 return.

We will also be sharing this information with students through an online assembly later this week.

Thank you again for your support, understanding and encouragement at this time. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school and ensuring that they end this academic year well placed to begin their exam year in September

Yours sincerely



Nick Wells
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