



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL



9 June 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your continued support during this period of closure and for supporting your child with their remote learning at home.

As outlined in my previous letter, following on from recent government announcements, we have been planning for the provision of some face-to-face contact in school for Year 10 from Monday 15 June 2020. The planning for this face-to-face contact has required careful consideration of a number of factors, with the welfare and best interests of our students and staff at the heart of every decision we have made. A key factor in this planning is the stipulation from the government that no more than 25% of the year group can be in school at any one time.

Our aim for the coming weeks is to provide this face-to-face contact so that students can benefit from further support and guidance from subject specialists (in most cases their own class teacher), ask questions about their online learning so far and to allow for the provision of any necessary physical resources to support online learning over the coming weeks.

In order to comply with the strict social distancing rules and our own detailed risk assessments, classes will need to be split into two or three groups. The precise details of when each student is asked to be in school and which rooms the sessions will take place in will be communicated to you over the next week by your house and by the different subject teachers. The structure of the plan from Monday 15 June, however, is contained in the attached document and is outline below:

- **Week Beginning 15 June** – Students will meet their tutors for a social and academic review of how things have been since the school closed in late March. This tutor period will also allow tutors to deliver a practical orientation on new routines and expectations.
- **From Week Beginning 22 June** – Students will meet their class teacher or other subject specialist in each of their GCSE or BTEC subjects, to review the work they have been completing, to provide feedback and to outline the learning and expectations for the remainder of the term.
- **Week Beginning 13 July** – In the final week of term, students will meet again with their English and Mathematics teachers, for subject delivery of key curriculum elements before we break for the summer.

These face-to-face sessions in school will form an important addition to what we have been able to provide since the lockdown began. We are, however, very conscious that the vast majority of students' learning will continue to take place remotely. As a result, in addition to this face-to-face contact, from Monday 15 June, we will also move to the provision of one live lesson per subject per week for Year 10. These live lessons will take place at 12pm and 3pm, to allow the vast majority of Y10 students to be able to get home from any in-school engagement before these begin.

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As we prepare for this additional face-to-face contact, we are mindful that our expectations around hygiene, routines and conduct will need to be heightened. We have written a comprehensive risk assessment, which includes an annex to our behaviour policy and further guidance on new routines, which can be found on [this page of the website](#). We will need all members of our school community to adhere to strict new social distancing measures so that we can operate our school in a way that is safe for all who work and study here.

We have also created a [video](#) that explains some of our new routines to students. Please ensure your child/children have watched this video before their first time back into school. Students should enter the school via the Student entrance as normal.

The Government advice is that public transport should be avoided if at all possible, if public transport is used face coverings will be required from 15 June 2020. Students arriving by car should be dropped off as quickly as possible and parents/carers should stay in their car, please follow any instructions from our staff. Our Reception remains closed to all but essential visitors so please telephone or email if you need to contact school.

When students arrive in school for sessions you must go immediately to the room where the lesson will take place. At the end of the lesson you must then leave the school site and return home. There is no food available in school and all social areas are currently closed.

Whilst in school from Monday 15th June, students will need to come to school for these sessions in **uniform**. We are not expecting students to wear blazers, due to the warmer weather and the challenges of washing these items.

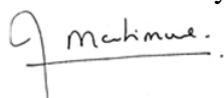
We understand that not all students will be able to attend lessons in school for a number of valid reasons. All work covered and resources used during these face-to-face sessions will be uploaded to Show My Homework so that all students can benefit.

Provision in school for vulnerable students and children of key workers will continue as normal. If a Year 10 student has a lesson in school, they will attend this lesson and then promptly return to the area where they have been working as part of our ongoing provision for vulnerable students and the children of key workers.

A message following up the Survey that parents completed over half-term about students' availability will be sent separately.

Thank you for your support and understanding with these arrangements.

Yours faithfully,



Ms J A Mortimore
Headteacher