



Principal: John Dixon

4th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We have now received further guidance from the government regarding the opening of secondary schools in England. As we begin this gradual reduction in lockdown measures, it is important that we start to provide students with the opportunity to have direct learning sessions, whilst also being able to see their friends and teachers.

During the first phase of lockdown, the academy has provided childcare for students who are; children of Key Workers, have a Social Worker or an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP). **This childcare provision will remain in place for students of all year groups who are eligible. If you have any questions on this provision, please email admin@thehalleyacademy.org.uk for further information.**

From Monday 15th June, we will be inviting Years 10 and 12 to return to the academy to access face to face teaching. Unless circumstances change considerably, we have no plans to invite students in other whole year groups back until September.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 should continue their studies via the excellent Home Learning package the academy is offering, with bespoke resources and learning opportunities provided each week by their teachers. We have produced a Home Learning guide for families which can be accessed on our website.

It is imperative that students of all year groups continue their learning to limit the impact of this situation on their academic progress and future opportunities.

Students in Year 10 and 12 will have access to some face to face teaching at the academy. The government guidelines are clear in the number of students an academy is able to provide for each day, with up to a quarter of these students able to attend each day.

Students will be invited to the academy for a minimum of one day per week with students from their Small School. Some students will also be invited in for further face to face teaching in the week to support their academic progress. All Year 10 and 12 students will be sent a personalised letter with their timetable and further information in the coming days.

When at the academy, students in Year 10 will have a full academy day, with lessons in; English, maths, science and options subjects. These lessons will be taught by specialist teachers within small groups of no more than 15 students, and will support further Home Learning. Students in Year 12 will follow a full academy day, with their timetable personalised to their chosen subjects.

All students and staff at the academy will follow strict social distancing and sanitising measures in line with government guidelines. The academy has been redesigned to support this, with a robust cleaning regime in place to maintain the highest sanitation standards. All students will have access to designated recreational and toilet facilities within their classes.

Students will be required to bring their own lunch to the academy, with no restaurant facilities on site for students to purchase food. Free School Meal Vouchers will continue to be issued to those families entitled until further notice.

Please note, if parents decide not to send their child back to school this will be recorded as authorised absence and there will not be a penalty for this absence. Work will continue to be set online, but this will be linked to the face to face teaching that is being delivered at the academy.

I appreciate that there are some anxieties around a return to the academy for many of our students and their families and we are here to support you and your family wherever possible. The systems that we have put in place at the academy will ensure that students are at a low risk. If you have further questions then please contact your child's Head of School (using the admin@thehalleyacademy.org.uk email address) who will be able to provide you with further details.

I look forward to welcoming back Year 10 and 12 students in the week beginning 15th June.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Dixon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Dixon
Principal