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Dear Year 10 Parents and Carers

Year 10 – Phased return to school.

As you will be aware the government has announced plans for schools to start to engage with Year 10 students from June 15th 2020. This letter is to share with you the plans that we have devised for year 10 students. Please read the information carefully. There will be a phased approach, so that we have the ability to assess and evaluate as we move through the final summer term of this academic year. It is also important to emphasise that phases will only start when it is deemed safe to do so.

Phase 1

Parents and carers have been contacted to discuss and decide if they would like their son/daughter to return to school or remain at home to continue to access the online learning resources.

Phase 2

For those students returning to school a focused 1-1 meeting between student, parent/carer, Head of Year 10 Mrs Hartley and pastoral lead for Year 10 Mrs Gee will take place. In this meeting we will be discussing how they are, the work they have completed (the work they have not completed), where the struggles have been, what support they need to succeed, how can we best support them, how their mental and physical health is. It will be a positive, upbeat, 'smiley faced' welcome alongside an honest assessment of the impact the last few months have had on them and their education. We care greatly about your son/daughter and with this knowledge we can start planning Phase 3 to ensure that we support your son/daughter in the best possible way.

The plan is for Phase 2 to start on June 15th, 2020. We will send you an invite so that we can book your son/daughter and yourself in for the meeting. It will be your son/daughter, yourself in attendance with the Head of Year 10 and pastoral lead for Year 10 carrying out the review meeting. It is important that yourself and your son/daughter attend, as this is the first step of the journey back to school. We need to build confidence and a reconnection, for all involved; this will support the following phases to be successful.

We will only use designated areas of the school, social distancing, hand washing, one-way system, area marking, and cleaning of areas will be in place to ensure the 1-1 meetings are safe. The current plan is to use the outside space at the front of school for the meetings.



Phase 3

Proportions of Year 10 in school for a proportion of the school week, class sizes maximum of 10, social distancing, regular hand washing, staggered start and finish to the day, staggered break time, a shorter school day, groups ('bubbles') created to limit the amount of people that staff and students are in contact with.

The plan is to begin this after Phase 2 has been completed and it is hoped that this would be one week from Phase 2's start date w/b 22nd June 2020.

We will strive to achieve a Phase 3 and for this be sustained until the end of the academic year, but due to our dependence on government guidance, scientific evidence and much that we are not in control of, it should be said that we might not achieve a sustained Phase 3 this academic year.

All the above planning is also subject to change depending on local and national guidance.

I thank you for all your support; we are a community at South Shore and we have all adapted, changed and will continue to do so as we collectively transition back to 'normality'.

We miss your sons and daughters and are excited to see them again. I hope you are all staying safe and well.

Kind regards

Neil Reynolds
Head Teacher

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'NR'.