



**The South Wolds
Academy
and Sixth Form**

3rd June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, may I welcome you and your child back to the final half of the summer term in these continuing circumstances. The staff, governors and I are grateful for all of your messages of support during this time. We are also saying goodbye to Mr Arnold who will be leaving us on Thursday to pursue a career with the police. We wish him the very best for the future and know that he will be sorely missed by everyone in our school community. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the school.

When I last wrote to you just before the half term holiday, whilst the government had published detailed guidance for primary schools, they had not yet done the same for secondary schools. I can now confirm that this secondary guidance has been received from the government. However, for the last two weeks myself and senior leaders have been working hard to put together initial plans for any kind of wider reopening: we are working towards a programme of face to face support for Year 10 and 12 starting during week beginning the 15th June and 22nd June respectively.

South Wolds, like all other schools nationally, is now focused on putting robust plans and risk assessments in place so that we can meet the following hierarchy of controls:

- avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
- frequent hand cleaning and good hygiene practices
- regular cleaning of settings
- minimising contact and mixing

Government guidance is suggesting the date of June 15th as the start of this wider reopening and whilst we work with staff to understand what our offer can be for Year 10 and Year 12 students; we do need to understand how many students may return on or after this date.

You may find it helpful to know what it is we are doing to prepare for this:

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- We are working to ensure that the site is safe and clean in anticipation of more students being in school;
- We will continue to provide supervision for vulnerable children and the children of key workers;
- Myself and senior leaders will be on site, planning the provision in detail and conducting risk assessments;
- We will be identifying the staff that we will need to be in school to conduct the face to face support;
- We are putting together training programmes which will ensure staff who come on to site fully understand what is expected of them;
- We are devising strict rules for students to observe when on site;
- We are preparing detailed risk assessments of all aspects of the provision that will be shared with staff and parents.

Our risk assessments can only be effectively carried out and control measures recommended when we have an idea about how many students we will need to accommodate in the building. It is for this reason, I am asking you to click on the link below and complete the short survey, by Monday 8th June at 10am at the latest. A copy of this survey will also be on the school website.

Before you are able to make a response to this short survey, you will need some understanding of the actions The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form plans to take in order to minimise risks, should the government continue with plans for Year 10 and Year 12 to get some face to face time with their teachers in order to support their online learning. I need to make you aware of the following:

- Whilst the government has suggested PPE (masks, gloves etc...) is not necessary in schools, we want to create the safest environment we can and therefore will, as other advice suggests, welcome these. Staff may also be wearing this equipment, except, when needing to talk to their class.
- We will talk with you about your plans for drop-off and pick-up/social distancing on the street.
- Classrooms will be deep-cleaned in accordance with the capacity of our cleaning teams.
- We will attempt to restrict contact with others and students will be expected to observe the 2 metre rule, remaining in the same seat all day (as currently with key-workers' children)
- Strict one-way systems, similar to supermarkets, will be in operation.
- Regular hand washing will be encouraged.
- Breaks, if taken, will be supervised and staggered to prevent gatherings larger than 10 people.

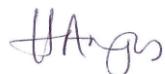
- All government guidance will be adhered to should a student or member of staff develop symptoms, including 14 day self-isolation for other students in the vicinity as well as other household members where symptoms develop.

It is important to clarify that as with the small number of students who are in school daily due to parents being key-workers, Year 10 and Year 12 students in school will work on the same lessons/cover the same topics as those available on-line to students who do not attend, so students at home do not miss work.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and for your incredible efforts to support your child with the work teachers are sending home. I will be able to issue more details to parents after we have processed all survey responses.

School survey: <https://www.southwolds.co.uk/form/?pid=7&form=79>

Best wishes



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