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Dear Parent / Carer,

Further to my letter yesterday and the documentation you received regarding the return of Year 10 pupils to school, I would like to offer the following points for clarification.

The pupils are to be organised in groups based upon their forms, but they will receive tuition from specialist core subject teachers. The decision to use form groups to then create teaching groups has been to taken to enable safe 'bubbles' of pupils to be maintained. Once we have established the groups, they will remain stable and unchanged for each of the four core subject sessions. The benefit of organising groups in this way is that in the event of a pupil or member of staff testing positive for Covid-19 we would be able to trace immediately the people who may have come into contact with each other and ask them to self-isolate. We are mindful that pupils returning to school will be excited to see friends, but the health and safety of all must guide our decisions and it is for that reason that we are constructing the groups as described.

Bearing in mind this important aspect of our provision over the next four weeks, it is vital that we have accurate number of pupils intending to attend. I would request that by noon on Friday 19th June we have a return of each pupil's intention to attend or not. I thank all of the parents who have already responded to our survey two weeks ago and would ask that any parents who have not done so yet, ensure that we have your decision by noon on Friday 19th June. Once we have established the groups, we would not be able to accept a pupil changing his or her mind and then asking to come to school as this would compromise the safety of those pupils already within an established 'bubble'. It is perfectly acceptable for a parent who has already indicated that their child will not be attending until September, to change his or her mind at this point, as long as we receive notification by 12 noon tomorrow.

In addition, the receipt of accurate number by 12 noon tomorrow will allow us to construct registers from which we will be able to track attendance on a daily basis, enabling us to fulfil our safeguarding responsibilities.

Yours sincerely,

- Horroeks

Mr C Horrocks <u>Headteacher</u>



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