

Update 10 29th May

Dear Parents/Carers

On 24th May the Prime Minister announced that secondary schools should plan on the basis that from the week commencing 15th June, they can invite year 10 and 12 pupils back into school for some face-to-face support with their teachers, subject to the government's 5 tests being met.

Secondary schools should offer this face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10 and year 12 pupils, which should remain the predominant mode of education during this term for pupils in these year groups.

The government assessment, based on the latest scientific and medical advice, is that there is a need to continue to control the numbers attending school to reduce the risk of increasing transmission. Therefore, schools can have a quarter of the year 10 and year 12 cohort in school at any one time.

Alongside this the government is asking secondary schools to:

- continue providing full-time provision for vulnerable pupils in all year groups
- continue providing full-time provision for children of critical workers in all year groups
- continue to use best endeavours to support all other pupils remaining at home, making use of the available remote education support and ensuring a high-quality offer

Any plans that secondary schools have made for pupils to return earlier in June should be amended to commence from 15th June.

We wrote to you on 22nd May explaining the situation at the time regarding a potential expansion of provision for Year 10 and Year 12 students from 8th June. Now that the government advice has been published, we can confirm that our latest plans meet the government [implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings](#) guidance and expectations.

Year 10

Based on the number of students that indicated they would be able to return to school after half term, our current model would be adopted provided the government advice does not change.

Students in Year 10 would attend school for two mornings in full school uniform and would receive core subject presentations to supplement their remote learning. Start and end times would be staggered.

Work for all subjects will still be set on Show My Homework by class teachers and this work should be submitted via normal methods.

All sessions delivered will have a 'clean' version of the presentation made available to Year 10 students that are unable to attend school.

Having collected information on which students are able to return to school, we are creating appropriate groupings for the Year 10 students. Individual students will receive confirmation of their group and days over the next week.

Pastoral sessions would be available with HOY/SLT and would be run as a 1-1 drop-in sessions.

Year 12

Based on the number of students that indicated that they would be able to return to school after half term, Year 12 students **will not** have taught sessions on the school site, but we will be expanding our 'live' Microsoft Teams delivery method.

Student work would be set several days in advance on SMHW, as it has been already, and there will be tutorial sessions as a 'live' Microsoft Teams meeting at the times stated below.

Students in Year 12 will be expected to attend and engage in these online lessons. Additional support sessions may be arranged by the teacher, if required.

If students are unable to be available online, it is essential they inform Mrs Johnson and their teacher asap.

All Teams sessions will be recorded for safeguarding purposes.

Day	Block	Subjects	
Monday	D	Art/Business/Photography/Applied Science	1pm – 2pm
Tuesday	E	Biology/Psychology	1pm – 2pm
Wednesday	A	Product Design/Sport Triple/H&SC Double	1pm – 2pm
Thursday	B	Dance/H&SC/Mathematics/English/Sport Single/Music	1pm – 2pm
Friday	C	Drama/Media/Sport Double/IT	11am - 12pm

Mrs Johnson will be arranging individual 'live' Microsoft Teams mentoring sessions during the remainder of the term to support wellbeing and preparation for UCAS applications.

Thank you again for your ongoing support, stay safe and well and please contact the school using communication@barnwell.herts.sch.uk if you would like clarification on the next step plans.

Yours faithfully

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