

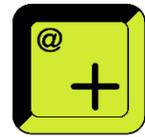


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Dear parents

We hope you are all keeping well, and want to continue to thank you for your efforts in helping to support your own children as much as possible with the current situation and home learning.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday evening we have been sent a vast range of advice and guidance, and are due to expect further updates from the DfE and Wiltshire LA over the forthcoming week.

The full advice that has been created for parents and carers about the potential idea of re-opening settings can be found at the following link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>, but this letter aims to outline some of the key information for you as well.

Primary schools

In case you have children at primary school, 1st June is being given as the date that will be the earliest that primary schools in England will be asked to open for children in nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. It is important to understand that the Government are making a risk assessment on the 28th May and will tell us on that date if this can definitely happen based on scientific advice and whether the R number remains below 1.

Secondary schools

We are being asked to 'offer some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10 and 12' at some point following 1st June. We are currently awaiting guidance of what that should look like and have started working on plans for what we feel is immediately important for Year 10 so will be writing with more information for that specific year group in the following weeks. As above, we will be finding out on 28th May whether we are to definitely proceed with this. Whilst we will be working on plans in the meantime, this does mean that we will be communicating with Year 10 parents about definite plans at the last minute. We do not expect students to start returning on 1st June, and it is likely that the phased return will be planned for the end of June or even July.



How might it work having Year 10 in school?

Advice that we have had so far tells us that:

- *'This will not be a return to full timetables or pupils back in school full time, rather some support to supplement pupils' remote education'.*
- We need to ensure that we have completed risk assessments and issue clear health and safety advice to parents and students
- We need to ensure that we have adequate cleaning and handwashing facilities/hand sanitiser in place
- We need to organise small groups (15 is currently being advised in classrooms or we use larger spaces and even outdoors)
- We need to accept that we will not immediately be following a normal timetable, or able to deliver proper lessons across all subjects
- We may need to ask students in for occasional days in the first instance – initially we are expecting to ask a tutor group to attend on separate days at a time until we can ensure students and staff are safe and able to adjust to social distancing within the school environment

There are currently no plans to reopen secondary schools for other year groups before the summer holidays.

Requests for paper work

We understand that one of the biggest challenges in this time has been having enough technology within a household to go around. Some parents have requested that paper copies of work are printed at school. If this would be helpful due to lack of ICT at home, please email admin@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk and we will do our best to accommodate this.

Critical workers and safely returning to work

As to previous letters we generally expect that Years 9 and 10 can remain at home if you are leaving the house for work. As part of the Government announcement on Sunday, they have stated that certain workers should return to work if the work place is safe (construction was given as an example) The list of critical workers has not been updated and can still be found listed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>). Should you need a place within our current provision, please email admin@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk but it is vital that the following guidance from the Government is followed:

- If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they must be.
- If a child needs specialist support, has an allocated Social worker or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
- Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
- The current provision in school does not involve 'normal' teaching and learning.



- Parents must also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They must observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

Yet again please pass on our best wishes to the students. We understand that there will be a mix of emotions at the news that the vast majority will not return to school until September and we look forward to being able to operate fully as a school once again.

Yours faithfully

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