

Dear Parents/Carers and students in Year 10 & 12,

I am writing to you today to provide a further update following the Government's plan to gradually ease the lockdown restrictions further, including wider secondary school re-openings.

As you will know, the Government has said there are five tests that need to be met if the restrictions are to be eased and whilst this is of course still subject to change in the coming days, we are planning on the basis that the Government will conclude that these five tests will have been met. Based on these tests, primary schools across England, including all seven of those within Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT), have begun gradually and safely welcoming pupils back to school this week.

From now until 15th June, Ormiston SWB will continue to operate as now, i.e provision closed to all except children classed as vulnerable or children of key workers. If your child is not in these limited categories, please continue to make best use of the online learning that is available so that they can keep up with their education as much as possible.

From the week commencing Monday 15th June, the Government has said that secondary schools can invite Year 10 and Year 12 students, who have key exams next year, back into school for some face-to-face support with their teachers. This will be to supplement the remote learning taking place, which will remain the predominant mode of education for most pupils during the rest of the summer term.

Hopefully, you have been able to complete the form regarding students attending the academy.
<https://tinyurl.com/y7gpwkws>

We have been making contact with all parents to organise times for student appointments which begin on Monday 15th June.

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| June 15th | One 30 minute 1-2-1 appointment for Year 10 & 12 students with SWB staff
(Trials of selected Year 12 online lessons) |
| June 22nd | One 30 minute 1-2-1 appointment for Year 10 & 12 students with SWB staff
(Trials of selected Year 12 online lessons) |
| June 29th | One 30 minute 1-2-1 appointment for Year 12 students with SWB staff
(Trials of selected Year 12 online lessons)
Year 10 students begin 0900 – 1100 & 1200 – 1400 tutorial lessons, once a week
Small groups of students at a time. 40 students per day |
| July 6th | One 30 minute 1-2-1 appointment for Year 12 students with SWB staff.
(Trials of selected Year 12 online lessons)
Year 10 students continue 0900 – 1100 & 1200 – 1400 tutorial lessons, once a week
Small groups of students at a time. 40 students per day |
| July 13th | One 30 minute 1-2-1 appointment for Year 12 students with SWB staff
(Trials of selected Year 12 online lessons)
Year 10 students continue 0900 – 1100 & 1200 – 1400 tutorial lessons, once a week
Small groups of students at a time. 40 students per day |

We would also ask that you continue to play your part in the return to school. For instance:

- No one should come to school if they are displaying symptoms of coronavirus or any other illness.
- If your child needs to be brought to, and collected from, school, only one parent should do this.
- Please do not gather at entrance gates or doors, and do not enter the school site unless you have a pre-arranged appointment
- Students must arrive and depart the school site via the main entrance. There will be supervision ensuring the 2m rule is met and, as numbers on site will be reduced, we are confident these distancing conditions will be effective.
- Upon arrival, students will proceed to their allocated rooms following 2m social distancing measures. All flooring surfaces have been marked with two metre distanced tape to support entry and exit to the site. There will be hand sanitiser available in each classroom. However, we do encourage students to bring their own to school.
- Students should come prepared with their usual writing equipment. They must not share any equipment with other students or staff.
- Students are to wear full uniform, and we recommend that it is washed at the end of the day ready for the following week.

I would like to give you every assurance that we are working very hard to ensure that when we open, in the first instance for a limited number of year groups or for all pupils later down the line, we will be meeting the Government's guidance on social distancing and infection control, and that we will have produced our own comprehensive risk assessments.

I am sure that many of you will have questions on this, and I hope that many of these can be answered, broadly, at this updated [FAQ here](#). However, please do let me know if you have any further questions and I will do my best to answer these.

Finally, I wanted to say again, how proud I have been of our students over the last few weeks. Whether they are among the small number who have been in school or, like most, they have been at home; I know that they have been a credit to themselves. A number of you have been kind enough to tell me how they are getting on, and what learning they have been doing, and of course, I get updates from our staff.

I do enjoy hearing what they are doing, so please do keep letting me know and please keep encouraging them to keep up with their studies.

Yours sincerely,

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