

22nd May 2020

The
COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL
Leftwich



Dear Parent / Carer

As you know the school is planning with great care for a phased reopening in order that students may have some face-to-face time with their teachers and we can continue to make provision for those students who may need additional support. The situation remains dynamic and plans may vary. However, it remains our dearest wish to begin to rebuild our school community in a safe, measured and thoughtful way, whilst adhering to guidelines from Public Health England and the Department for Education.

I confirm that we will not act alone. We are listening, taking advice and paying close attention to all the information available to us.

From the 1st June, we will continue to provide Child Care Provision for the priority group of students, those who have a parent/carer who is a critical worker and vulnerable students. Students will be required to wear school uniform (without a tie) and will follow a planned programme of educational activities. Please note that we are unable to provide lunch in school, therefore, please send your child with a packed lunch and a drink. **To help with our planning, please email admin@leftwichhigh.com, if they/you fulfil the following criteria and you plan on taking up a place in the provision.**

Please note that as there are no students booked in for the Child Care, **the school will be closed to all students during the half-term week (Monday 25th – Friday 22nd).**

In terms of support for home learning, this will reduce during the half-term break. My teachers and support staff need to rest, recharge and refocus in readiness for the opening of school to more students in the coming weeks. I would encourage students to also rest, whilst trying to maintain a routine and continuing to access the general resources, where possible. For those students who have been receiving regular support from members of the Pastoral Support Team, whilst this will also be reduced during the half-term break, students are encouraged to continue to seek any support they may need from the many organisations signposted on our dedicated Coronavirus Guidance and Support webpage on our website www.leftwichhigh.com.

At the time of writing, aspects of the plans for increasing the number of students attending part of the school day continue to be developed. Our current plans are that from the 8th June, we will continue to offer face-to-face support to some of our more vulnerable students. From 15th June the school is planning to provide some face-to-face support for our Year 10 students. This will support those students with their wellbeing and supplement home learning, which will continue to be provided for



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all students. Increased contact will be made with students from Year 7, 8 and 9 during the second half of the Summer term.

We will issue more details of our plans by no later than the 8th June and thank you for your understanding and patience during this time.

The home learning provision will continue to take place. However, we encourage all eligible students to embrace the opportunity to come into school, when invited, because we believe that this will re-energise and revitalise them. The environment will feel a little different at first but what students will quickly experience is the enthusiasm and warmth of teachers and support staff and we sincerely hope that this will build confidence and certainty about taking steps towards a more familiar normality.

We are currently undertaking a detailed and robust risk assessment to ensure as far as possible the safety and wellbeing of students and professionals.

I very much look forward to seeing our students again in the near future.

Please continue to look yourselves and each other,

Mr Snelson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Snelson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'S'.

Principal