



# KINGSWOOD SECONDARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are well and looking forward to some easing of the lock down measures in a safe way.

As part of the easing of lock down measures as you know, we have been asked to start to re-open schools to year 10 and year 12 students.

### **Some of the premises of this next step are as follows:**

- No more than 25% of each year group in at any one time (around 54 students' maximum for year 10 for example)
- Social distancing measures in place- 2 metre spacing around school and in designated teaching areas (this means 8-14 students to class depending on class size and type)
- No teacher/Pupil movement during lessons
- Students must bring own food and water, FSM students will be provided with a packed lunch if required
- Students must remain in 2 metre social distancing area during any rest breaks
- Most areas of the school are out of bounds, only those classrooms designated for use and therefore for deep cleaning x 4 times daily
- Creating 'Bubbles' so that the same students and teachers are grouped together in the same space in school

As you can see this is just a very short list of the many aspects we have need to consider in order to adhere to government guidelines and keep our staff and students as safe as possible. For some time to come, school will not look or feel like it has done in the past. This is regrettable but a necessity if we are to start to slowly re-open whilst keeping every one as safe as possible in line with guidance.

I wanted to reassure you that Greenwood Academies Trust has a very rigorous Health and Safety process that all schools must comply with and this includes some of the risk-assessed measures set out above. This includes various detailed risk-assessments, which have fundamentally changed the way we operate the school site and our own behaviour within school during this pandemic.

Bearing all of the above in mind, we want to take the time to do this slowly so as to ensure everyone follows the processes accurately in order to keep as safe as possible. That is why from June 15th we will be inviting a small group of year 10 students in only, which will increase as we move forward through the term. The lessons will not be 'normal' lessons but will be more intervention based for invited students only at this stage. We cannot commit to all students coming in as this is just not practical given the circumstances and very specific processes we have to follow including creating 'Bubbles' where the same staff are delivering learning with the same students in the same areas of the school which is also dependent on the staff we have to deliver face to face sessions.

At the moment year 12 online lessons are going well according to student and staff feedback and therefore this will not change but we will be inviting small groups of year 12 in for academic mentoring before the end of term. In addition, our main vehicle for learning for all students at present is remote learning and this will continue to be our main tool for teaching and learning for the foreseeable future until further government guidance is provided around extending opening. We are currently expanding the number of online face-to-face lessons for all subjects and year groups and this will be phased in over the coming weeks and months.

- Our first priority is setting up the KSA bespoke Keyworker and vulnerable child provision from Monday 8th June which is well under way and a separate email about this will be coming out by the end of the week to those parents and carers concerned.
- The second priority is to set up the year 10 provision in the way I have outlined in this letter. We sent all year 10 and 12 parents an online questionnaire asking about whether you intend to send their child in to the provision and would appreciate it if you could complete this as soon as possible as we must start to calculate group numbers and therefore staffing allocation etc. Thank you in advance.
- Then we will look at expanding the number of students on site in year 10 and 12.
- We are also looking at expanding our offer of online lessons to all students over the coming weeks

***Of course our over-arching priority is to ensure everyone's safety as I have outlined and I hope this has gone some way to reassuring you that we are doing all we can to prepare for a safe and secure start to gradual re-opening.***

In the meantime, if you have any questions please just ask by emailing the KSA enquiries email address [enquiries@kingswoodsecondaryschool.org](mailto:enquiries@kingswoodsecondaryschool.org)

Thank you for taking the time to read this email, it is a lot to digest and I know that you are thinking carefully about whether to send your child in if they are invited, I can only reiterate what Wayne Norrie CEO has said which is that this decision is of course totally up to you and you will not be penalised if you decide this is not in your child's best interests at this time but I wanted to set out the landscape of the next few weeks at school and what you can expect from us in terms of managing the reopening of school in a safe and measured way so that you can make an informed decision.

Thank you once again and I wish you all good health.

Yours faithfully,



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