



Leventhorpe
a business and enterprise academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following my message yesterday, we have read the latest guidance documents supporting the statement from the Prime Minister on Sunday. I must stress the conditional nature of the guidance; restrictions will be eased and the road-map will be followed if and only if conditions are met.

The earliest schools will return is 1st June. This will only be for reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils, and any return will be phased. The information for secondary aged pupils was less specific. If secondary schools can return in June the guidance stated the following;

"Secondary schools and further education colleges should also prepare to begin some face to face contact with Year 10 and 12 pupils who have key exams next year, in support of their continued remote, home learning."

Our reading of this guidance is that any return for secondary students will start with partial contact for Years 10 and 12. There were no specific details for students in other year groups and it is fair to assume that students in Years 7-9 are unlikely to return before September. Given this situation we will plan to continue to provide the best education that we can through Microsoft Teams for all students. In relation to Years 10 and 12 we will plan the details of our provision and we will communicate directly with parents in these year groups when the logistics are in place.

There was also guidance for the general public to return to work where it was not possible for them to work from home. This might cause many households to review their arrangements for the supervision of their children. However, schools are not being required to provide supervision for the children of households in this group.

Schools are still to provide capacity for the children of 'critical workers' to come in and work at school. Our offer is based around supervision and doesn't include direct teaching. The vast majority of students can manage at home and this fact hasn't changed with the updates to the national guidance. If you wish to discuss your Critical Worker eligibility, please complete the form on the website, or contact Layla Price on lep@leventhorpe.net to discuss a form that we have previously received.

To conclude, the changes announced have very limited immediate impact on our provision as a school. They also take a cautionary approach to any decisions around re-opening, so it is very much continuing on as we have been over recent weeks. I would like to thank parents and students for their engagement and co-operation during this difficult national crisis and assure you that we will continue to keep you up to date.

Take care,

Malcolm White
Headteacher