

5 June 2020

Dear Parent/Carers

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Update

Thank you for your continued support. As a school it has been a very busy few weeks as we seek to implement changes in line with Government guidance to invite Year 10 and Year 12 students from the week commencing 15 June. In preparation for this we also have to change our arrangements for our key worker and vulnerable students. These new arrangements start from Tuesday 9 June 2020. A separate letter has gone to these parents today explaining the arrangements for next week. A copy of this letter will be on our website under the heading 'Student Home Study'.

Similar preparations have been put in place to welcome Year 10 and Year 12 students w/c 15 June. Year 10 and Year 12 parent/carers will be receiving a detailed letter next week which outlines how this will work and which learning pod their child will be in.

I would like to manage expectations. The expectations from the Government are clear that this will not be a return to full time education for Year 10s and Year 12s. Instead we are planning to deliver a number of sessions in English, Maths and Science. Due to the restrictions placed on school there are clear limits on the number of students that we are able to have in school at any one time. This therefore limits the amount of time your child will be in school. If you would like to read the Government guidance schools need to follow it can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-school-closures/guidance-for-schools-about-temporarily-closing>

We are also seeing an increasing number of key worker and vulnerable students attending school. The direction given to the school by the Trust (TKAT) is that we need to prioritise this group of students and depending on numbers we may need to review our Year 10 and Year 12 provision.

Another consideration the school is having to factor in is the number of Year 10 and Year 12 students we are expecting to return during the first week. Based on the parent/carers that indicated their child would return, we have allocated their child a session. As more parent/carers come forward requesting their child to attend we will need to adapt our provision to ensure each student has the same opportunities.

The Government have also released updated guidance for parent/carers about schools reopening and this can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

I do recognise that some parent/carers may be frustrated by the current arrangements. We want to welcome back students into school and also know how important it is. However, these are unprecedented times and as a school we must follow all the published guidance and ensure as far as is practical, that we are putting in measure's to keep students and staff safe as the country continues to tackle coronavirus and we see a decrease in the transmission rate.

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If you do have any further queries please email the school on enquiries@wellingschool-tkat.org.

Finally, I would like to welcome Ms Higgins to Welling School as a new Director of Learning. We are delighted to be welcoming Ms Higgins to our senior team, she brings with her a wealth of senior leadership experience from working in a range of schools and will be leading on Teaching and Learning across the school.

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Pett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr R Pett
Headteacher