



15<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Government announcement about the phased return to school – Years 10 and 12**

The government has announced plans for some children to start to return to school from Monday 1st June at the earliest. This week the Secretary of State has announced the desire to for all students in Years 10 and 12 to have some face to face contact on the school site to supplement students' remote education. He stated that the purpose of this is to make an assessment of what learning and support students need to have over the coming weeks.

The Department for Education have said that more detailed guidance for secondary schools is imminent, but at the time of writing this has not yet been published. It is therefore important to note that Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June has not been confirmed as the start of any provision for Years 10 and 12 students, and indeed the start date may be later than this. In our decision making about our next steps, the safety of students and staff will be our top priority.

We would like to reassure you that we are working hard to plan for a safe return of students in these year groups onto the school site. We will be in contact with parents and carers in these year groups during the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> May to survey individual circumstances so that we can risk assess and carefully plan to meet all needs.

In the meantime, only children of essential key workers and those identified as vulnerable are allowed to continue to come into school. Please contact Ms Gostling directly about this provision by emailing [d.gostling@sydenham.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:d.gostling@sydenham.lewisham.sch.uk).

As always, thank you very much for your continuing support for the home learning and our work as school. Please do not hesitate to contact us via [updates@sydenham.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:updates@sydenham.lewisham.sch.uk) if you have any questions about the content of this letter.

Yours faithfully

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