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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been wonderful to meet our Year 10 students and parents over the past fortnight during phase 1 of our reopening plan. Particularly notable is the resourcefulness, determination and creativity of many of our students who've been making the most of remote learning opportunities and also finding many other ways to maintain good learning habits through online courses; friendship networks; contacts within families and exploring daily routines that maximise their learning. Of course, it's a very mixed bag and every young person is in a specific context. With that in mind, I'm writing to inform you of the plans for phase 2 for Year 10 students. I'm sure many of you will have already spoken with staff about this plan during your meeting. We've evolved and developed this further as we've worked with you; the schools in the Stowe Valley MAT and taken on board local and national government guidance.

The school will re-open for groups of Year 10 students on Monday 22nd June.

Please note the following:

- **There will be no more than 25% (approximately 35-40 students) of the year group in school at any time.** This means they will attend in house groups on these days each week starting on the dates below until the end of term:

Adlington	Ainslie	Hoy	Redgrave
Mondays 22.06.20	Tuesdays 23.06.20	Wednesdays 24.06.20	Thursdays 25.06.20

- The students will be split into smaller 'bubbles' of up to 10 and they will remain in this group all day. Each day will be organised as follows for the students:

8.30 am: Start of the day - students must enter in the student entrance and use sanitiser before going into the hall (or playground) to wait for the start of the day.

3 sessions: English Maths Science - delivered by subject specialists, aimed at consolidating and supporting the work being set remotely

1 supervised study session: This will be in a computer room and will enable students to check and undertake their remote learning activities and talk to options subject teachers about their work.

1 reflection/ pastoral session: This will be at the end of the day in a computer room. It will allow for PSHE activities to be delivered and enable us to stagger the exit of students.

2.30-2.45pm: School day ends

Once in school, students are expected to stay for the full day unless we have communication from a parent/ carer that says otherwise.

Each session will last 1 hour and 10 minutes. There will be two 20-minute breaks built into the day for each group which will be staggered so they will remain in their 'bubbles'.

- **What will they need to bring into school?**

There will be no canteen facility (to avoid the need to queue) so **students MUST bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink.**

All equipment for lessons: pencil case and calculator are essential as we must minimise the need to share equipment.

If student have their exercise books for Maths, English and the Sciences, they should bring these in their bags.

It would be useful to bring a notebook or exercise book in which they can take notes. Should students wish to bring in laptops, this would be allowed but they must be fully charged as they will not be able to move around classrooms to plug in chargers etc. These must also be brought in at their own risk; the school will not be able to accept liability for any damage or loss of these. We can issue students with stationary if they don't have a notebook.

Students must arrive in full school uniform (blazer is optional). We understand if students have outgrown trousers, skirts or shoes but if they could wear black alternatives and white shirt and tie please.

Safety

In order to mitigate the risk of spreading the virus there will be rules in place for all users of the buildings:

- Students must wash and sanitise hands frequently. Hand sanitiser and wipes are available around the building and in classrooms.
- Students will need to wipe their desks at the start and end of each day (before the room is thoroughly cleaned).
- Classrooms have been configured so that students are seated 2 metres apart and the maximum number allowed in at any one time is 10.
- Students must keep socially distanced (2m apart) and there will be reminders of this across the site.
- A one-way system will be in place and this must be adhered to.
- There will be specified toilets for Y10 to use and limited numbers allowed in them.
- The rooming and timetable of each group of students across the school has been zoned to avoid any need for bubbles of students to mix or come into contact with each other.
- Students must not eat in classrooms.
- If a student becomes unwell, he/she should inform a member of staff immediately.
- PPE will not be issued to students but they will be permitted to wear it.
- All other safeguarding procedures will apply as normal.

Travel

We have been in close contact with WCC regarding the bus routes. We anticipate the bus companies to be fully operational on June 15th and have informed the LA of the names of students currently using the services. WCC have requested that schools pass on the information below to ensure safe and comfortable travel during this period.

- 1. Pupils waiting for buses should do so safely and 2 metres apart, and this is a parental responsibility. Boarding buses should be done one at a time and 2 metres apart - the vacant seat nearest the rear of the bus must be used first; disembarking buses should be undertaken one at a time, from the most forward seats first, with pupils staying 2 metres apart, working back in turn to the rear seats (i.e. so that pupils walking down the aisle do not pass any other seated pupils). These rules apply for both inbound and outbound journeys.*
- 2. All pupils should maintain good hand hygiene (e.g. washing hands with soap and water or alcohol hand sanitiser, particularly straight before and straight after journeys), avoid direct hand contact with eyes, nose and mouth, and use tissues to catch coughs and sneezes (or at least to cough/sneeze into the crook of their elbow) disposing of tissues in a bin as soon as possible*

Attendance

Registers will be taken and the school will report attendance figures to the DFE (Department for Education) from 15TH June. We strongly encourage students to attend at the times given but understand that due to shielding or personal circumstances, this may not be possible. There will not be sanctions for non-attendance but the school will make welfare calls to students who do not attend if we haven't heard from parents/ carers.

Expectations

The behaviour code of conduct will be enforced as normal during the period we are back in school and I will expect that students will exhibit respectful behaviour. Of course, we anticipate that students will have varying levels of anxiety and all have experienced the 'lock-down' in different ways. Our meetings with parents and students have helped us understand the needs of individuals and we endeavour to support the mental health of all our students. If you have any concerns regarding this, please do make contact with your child's Head of House or Form Tutor in the first instance.

Remote Learning

It should be noted that the students will still need to access remote learning for the majority of the week and this will, for the time being, be the main method of delivering the curriculum. We will continue to refine this process and your feedback has really helped.

If you have any queries please send an email to enquiries@kinetonhighschool.org.uk or call the school to speak to someone directly. The reception will be able to forward your query to the relevant colleague.

Finally....

Work Experience 2020 Notice

We are sorry to have to announce that due to the ongoing coronavirus situation, Year 10 Work Experience 6th July – 10th July 2020 will be cancelled this year.

Although the nation is currently taking tentative steps towards reopening schools and businesses, I realise that many businesses may not be in a position to support students on Work Experience if they are trying to get back on track themselves. Moreover, we must take into account the fact that some employers have already cancelled work placements and the time restraints for the updated Administration and Health & Safety checks to be undertaken. I understand that this will be a great disappointment to the students who have arranged placements they were looking forward to. We still strongly believe that students should engage with the world of work and will support students who choose to take up placements during the school holidays should it be deemed safe to do so. As these young people will be entering into year 11 and year 13 and will have missed some direct teaching as a result of the school closure, we will not be rearranging these placement weeks during term time. We will instead, focus on ensuring that students are able to achieve the best results possible and ensuring that this difficult time does not have a long term impact upon them.

We thank you for your support with this matter. If you have any queries about work experience, please contact Mr J Leahy jleahy@kinetonhighschool.org.uk.

Thank you for taking the time to read this important communication and for your ongoing support. Staff are really looking forward to welcoming back our Year 10 students.

Very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H. Bridge', written over a horizontal line.

Ms H Bridge
Headteacher