



The Arnewood School

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Dear Year 10 Parent/Carer,

Re: Returning to School from 15th June 2020

I hope you received Mr Pressnell's letter dated 2 June 2020. It is also available on the school website. I am writing to explain what happens next for Year 10 students: -

- Firstly, you have a decision to make about whether to send in your son/daughter from the 15th June for one morning a week to receive supplementary lessons in English and maths.
- Secondly, you need to let the school know what you've decided, today or tomorrow please. I have set a task on Firefly for Year 10 students – this is the best way to respond and should only take a minute. If this doesn't work, please email me with a clear yes or no.
- Whatever you decide, all students must continue to complete and hand in work set online, and should keep all of their work in a safe place in case we later need evidence of the standard of GCSE work they have done.
- Once I have received a response for every student in Year 10, I will create groups of up to 9 students, and you will receive another letter from me informing you of the group. This letter will include clear instructions saying which day to come in, at what time, and which room they will be learning in. I will explain about equipment, uniform and safety routines.
- It is really important that we have accurate contact details, especially for those who are sending in students. Please could you make sure that we have a current phone number that we can reach you on. Staff working from home have been asked to withhold their personal numbers using 141. I realise that some parents would not usually answer when a number is withheld, but please could you make an exception in these extraordinary circumstances.

I would like stress the school is being extremely diligent in preparing for reopening the school to Year 10. We have meticulously considered all of the government's advice and guidance and employed our own experience as the school has continued to remain open to the children of critical workers. I am fully confident that every student returning to Arnewood will be looked after in the best way possible. Safety is our highest priority and I am confident Year 10 will play their part in adhering to rules put in place to ensure their wellbeing.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for every time you have praised your son or daughter for the work they have completed, sat down and composed an email to a member of staff when they have got stuck, or shown interest in their choice of career and encouraged them to look to the future. Although they have grown and matured considerably, they are still children and some just do not realise that the work they are doing now is a significant part of their GCSEs and may end up being used as evidence of the grades they are working to. Your contribution at this stage will make the most difference to their results next year, and in my opinion, it is parents across the UK who are the unsung heroes of our time.

Please keep up the good work in helping them maintain a positive daily routine, continue to contact subject teachers and tutors if you need any help, and let me know at any time if there is anything I can do.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Emecz
Head of Year 10

