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Dear Parents/Carers

I want to thank you for your continued support and patience during this unprecedented lock down period. Your resilience and flexibility has been incredible throughout. I know that this new phase will bring many questions and some anxiety. We will continue to make decisions focussed on the health and wellbeing of the whole college community. Staff will be continuing welfare calls where they will be able to support with any questions you may have.

The government announced last week that it believes it is able to move forward for its plan with wider opening of schools from the 1st June and 15th June. Please remember special school guidance is to increase numbers carefully and is not year specific.

We have reviewed the ongoing guidance and are continuing with the first phase of our plan opening on the 8th June to our key worker and vulnerable students whilst introducing our students who are due to leave us at the end of this term. We have made this decision to prioritise these students because we want to ensure they get the best chance at a positive transition onto new destinations. The focus always for us as a College is to get our young people ready for the next step in their lives. Any further opening will be done gradually and when it is safe to do so.

The published guidance, from the Director of Public Health for West Sussex, for those who show symptoms is outlined below:

For anyone – young person or staff member – who believes they may have symptoms or is notified that they are a confirmed case of coronavirus, the individual affected must stay at home self-isolating.

- *If you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, OR you have received a positive coronavirus (COVID-19) test result, the clear medical advice is to immediately self-isolate at home for at least seven days from when your symptoms started. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.*
- *You should arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19 if you haven't already*
- *Consider alerting the people that you have had close contact within the last 48 hours to let them know you have symptoms of COVID-19.*
- *Following a positive test result, you will receive a request by text, email or phone to log into the NHS Test and Trace service website and provide information about recent close contacts.*

Home Learning

We will continue to see what you require home learning/support wise through welfare calls that will continue on a weekly basis. We will also be sending some additional activities that will be sent out including Art, Cookery, Creative and Wellbeing where appropriate. Please use calls with teachers to discuss anything additional that we can support you with.

Sun Flowers/Picture

If you have any pictures of your sunflowers or of any activities, you are happy to share please send them in. We will be creating notice boards with all the fantastic ones you have sent in so far.

You Tube

Please visit Manor Green TV on YouTube for more videos from staff.

Welfare Calls

Where this is appropriate, when phoning to check that all is well with you staff will ask to speak to your daughter/son. This is part of our aim to keep students connected to college. However, if you have any questions or worries then please phone the college or email admin@mgcollege.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Tom Smith
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