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Dear Year 10 Parents & Carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well and would like to thank you for your continued support of your child's home learning, which will ensure they are as prepared as possible for the return to school.

As you know, we have begun partial re-opening of the school for Year 10 students in line with government advice. All students will next week have attended their first Tutorial Meeting to discuss both academic and pastoral issues which have arisen during school closure. This is the first part of our graduated 4 part approach to support face-to-face contact for our Year 10s. We have planned this carefully to ensure that it is meaningful and has a positive impact on their learning and wellbeing. The programme includes:

- Year 10 Tutorials and linked Year 10 Assessment Week to support progress
- Increase in 'Live' lessons
- In-school lessons in English & Maths for all students, in separate quarter year groups
- Face to Face Support Sessions for specific options subjects for highlighted students

We would now like to provide more details regarding the provision of in school lessons.

We will provide two, two hour sessions of both English and Maths over the coming weeks, on a rota basis. This will involve a quarter of the year group in school on each day, forming a separate 'bubble' to reduce the risk of infection. These 'bubbles' will be formed from current class groups, will have staggered start/finish times, and be located in separate areas of the school. There will be a two-week gap between the sessions to ensure that there is no risk of cross-infection from our English 'bubbles' and our Maths 'bubbles'.

These in-school lessons will be in addition to the Learning@Home sessions already being set. They will ensure that students are clear about what has been learned since school closure. They will enable us to give students access to material and resources for learning over the summer. These sessions will also allow us to tackle misconceptions and gaps in learning identified during the assessments undertaken in the week of the 8th of June.

These sessions will take place on the weeks beginning the 22nd June (for English sessions) and 6th July (for Maths sessions). In order to ensure we can do this in the safest manner possible, these sessions will take place in smaller than normal classes, 'bubbles'. Students will attend on one day only each week, either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, and will have one intensive session of either English, or Maths, with specialist staff, on each day. The sessions during the week of 6th July will run alongside, and not replace, the planned Tutorial 2 Meetings.

In order to plan these sessions effectively and safely we will need to know numbers of students who will be attending each session. We do expect all Year 10 students to attend these in-school lessons, unless they or a family member in the same household are shielding. We understand that you may well have concerns regarding the ongoing risks of COVID, but assure you that the safety of our students and staff is our highest priority.



If you know that your child will not be able to attend these sessions please would you contact the school either at sch.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk or on 01823 664201 giving your name, your child's name and the reason that they will not be able to attend. Please could we have this information by midday on Wednesday the 17th of June. If you have concerns about any other aspect of the in-school lessons, please contact Mr Seaton, who will be able to discuss the situation with you in more detail.

I will contact you with further details of the sessions and plans for the safe arrival and departure of students following this date. We will also communicate fully regarding questions of uniform, transport, food/drink, equipment and so on. Please also see our website for our risk assessment, which we will update on an ongoing basis to ensure the safety of staff and students, and in response to ongoing Government guidance.

As always please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any other questions/queries. Please note that phone lines are set to an answer service as we have a limited staff team in school so we keep as many staff safe and at home. It may, therefore, be easier for you to email us as follows:

- For safeguarding concerns, please use the following email address: safeguarding@courtfields.net
- For ClassCharts or other IT technical enquiries, please use the following dedicated email address: classcharts@courtfields.net
- For Year 10 specific concerns or questions, please contact Mr Seaton, Head of Year 10 by email
- If you child has a query with their **Learning@Home**, they should simply email their class teacher in the format initialsurname@courtfields.net
- If you are struggling to ensure that your child completes their **Learning@Home** and would like support, please contact your child's Tutor by email (using the format initialsurname@courtfields.net)
- To notify us that you may have key worker status, please use the dedicated email address: keyworker@courtfields.net
- For general enquiries, please use the main email address: sch.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Thank you once again for your support. My very best wishes go out to you and your families.

Keep safe and keep in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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