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Dear Parent/Guardian

Thank you for supporting the successful return to on-site lessons with students taking seriously the measures we have put in place.

We are not complacent however and continue to refine our approach as we receive feedback and become more confident in the system we have in place. We've appreciated the feedback from parents which has supported these efforts. I have continued to update our Q&A section of the website and this information will be updated if anything changes. This can be accessed at <http://www.haringtonschool.com/news/returning-to-school/>

The government last week published advice to schools (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-possible-measures-to-be-taken-before-schools-and-colleges-close>) regarding what to do in a range of scenarios when there is an increase in Covid-19 infections. We intend to use the same tiered approach should infections rise. At present the current mitigations we have in place are sufficient.

In exceptional circumstances where some level of restriction is required in a local area, local and national partners will carefully consider which of the tiers is the most appropriate one to implement. Under the Coronavirus Act 2020, ultimately the decision to order the closure of school is one for central government. The rest of this letter outlines how we will respond should a Tiered response be required.

TIER 1

If infection rates increase, we will move to a Tier 1 approach. Students will continue to be required to attend as normal. All staff and students will need to wear face coverings when moving around the inside of the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and our other internal social spaces. We will work with children and their families to ensure there is full compliance with these requirements. We will use support from external agencies such as the NHS and the Local Authority as needed to support the successful implementation of these contingency plans.

TIER 2

We will move to a rota model, whereby students will attend School for one week, followed by a week working from home. When attending School the requirements of Tier 1 and our usual mitigations will remain in place.

It is intended that in Week 1 of Tier 2 that Year 13 would attend School, whilst Year 12 would work from home. In Week 2 the opposite would be true.

Decisions will need to be made on a case-by-case basis in the light of local circumstances, including information about the incidence and transmission of coronavirus. Attendance may therefore need to be restricted in different ways to those outlined below if there is specific health evidence that doing so is a necessary measure to help control that specific outbreak or transmission risk.

Although students would alternate their on-site attendance, staff will attend each day as usual. On-line lessons will be set using SMHW. We will ensure that work set online complements the curriculum being taught whilst attending on-site. When on-site students would have a normal lesson experience focused on understanding the more challenging content, work would then be set for the following week to be completed at home that supports that work. Teachers would also offer additional support via Microsoft Teams to small groups of students who need additional feedback or teaching.

In addition, tutors will offer a 'live' tutorial session once per week.

TIER 3

The School would only allow full-time on-site provision to vulnerable children, the children of key workers and selected year groups (to be identified by the Department for Education). Only staff who are required to support these groups would attend site, the rest would work from home. Those staff and students attending on-site would need to follow the restrictions outlined in Tier 1 and those already in place.

Other students would not attend on-site. Online lessons will be set using SMHW complemented by live lessons using Microsoft Teams. At A Level we will offer a minimum of three hour 'live' lessons using Microsoft Teams per subject per week. If students need additional support, small group live lessons will also be offered to complement the work set on SMHW.

In addition, tutors will offer a 'live' tutorial session once per week.

TIER 4

The School would only allow full-time attendance on-site to our priority groups: vulnerable children and the children of key workers. Only staff who are required to support these groups would attend site.

All other students would not attend on-site. We would provide online learning as outlined in Tier 3 for all students.

UPDATE TO THE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

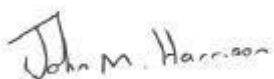
What happens if a student needs to isolate?

Teachers have been asked to set the class work being covered each day on SMHW so that if a student is unable to attend School they can access the work the rest of the class are undertaking that day. If they struggle with the work or need further help, then please ask them to email the teacher directly in the usual way but be aware that teachers are unlikely to respond immediately because of their usual teaching commitments.

What happens if a member of staff needs to isolate?

If they are well enough, then they will set work on SMHW and then join the lesson virtually using Teams. Where possible, an additional member of staff will be deployed to support the teacher delivering the virtual lesson from home.

Yours faithfully



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