

Dear parents and carers

Thank you to the 200 of you who completed our recent survey on face to face sessions. The purpose of that initial survey was to give us a rough idea of how many students might be willing to come back to college in the last month of term. Now that we know what the possible level of interest is, we are able to confirm what our plans will be with year10 students starting back during the week of Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. This is one week later than we have previously communicated to you and this delay is due to the government setting the 15<sup>th</sup> as a national date from which year 10 students can be allowed back in college.

I appreciate that before committing to sending your child back to college, you will want to know exactly what the plans involve and what safety measures are being put in place to minimise the risk of infection being transmitted. I would like to repeat what I said in my end of half term letter to parents, we can't guarantee 100% that students won't catch the virus because no school, no home, no street, no community can ever be completely safe. However, we have had key worker students working at Wyvern every weekday since lockdown began, including throughout the Easter and half term holidays and we have kept them safe, as well as the staff who have supervised them.

We recognise that it is tougher to maintain hygiene and safety standards with more students coming back to college. We are therefore putting in place many additional measures to those we have been operating until now. These measures don't just meet the latest guidance we have from the government, they exceed it.

Please find attached information about the sessions we are offering and the safety precautions we will be putting in place. It is a detailed set of information, given the gravity and complexity of the issue so if you are thinking about sending your child back to college, please ensure you and your child have read it carefully. We need every student who is returning to college this term to know, understand and apply the new safety measures being put in place.

If, having read this information, you would like your child to attend the face to face sessions, you will need to complete the registration form in the survey below. **Please complete by 1600 on Monday June 8th** <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/97678NS>

**Please note only students who have been registered in this way will be able to attend the face to face sessions. We will not be able to accept any students after the survey closure date or during the term due to the safety measures put in place for students to work in a fixed, definable social bubble for the remainder of the term.**

I fully respect the decision of those parents who do not wish to register their child for these sessions and sincerely hope that no one feels pressurised by the college or other parents into making a decision they are uncomfortable with. The government has also produced updated guidance to parents as schools and colleges begin to open to more students. You can find this guidance here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

With best wishes to you and your family,

Mr Rule