

4th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Proposed Phased Return to School - Update

Following our letter dated 22nd May 2020, we wanted to update you further regarding the situation surrounding the proposed phased return of schools and the provision of some face-to-face teaching for Years 10 and 12 before the summer holiday. You will remember that, at the time of writing, we were awaiting further guidance from the local authority and Department for Education; this has now been received.

Over the last week, we have been developing our plans for a phased return, including working alongside the local authority and independent health and safety experts to prepare the building and complete a comprehensive risk assessment. These plans are due to be ratified and approved by the Academy's Trustees on Friday 5th June, and following this meeting, we will write with detailed arrangements for students to return to school. The plans have been explicitly designed to follow the government guidance which is very clear in limiting the number of students permitted on site and in the building at any one time.

The health and wellbeing of our staff and students is, as always, our top priority, and we will include in our forthcoming letter more detail about the measures we have put in place to protect everyone within the WMG Academy community.

In the meantime, we wanted to share with you a little more detail regarding our teaching and learning model for students. Onsite provision will begin from **Monday 15th June 2020** with students being invited to attend on specific days only.

Year 10

- Every student in Year 10 will be invited to attend face-to-face sessions once per week, on either a Monday or a Tuesday. We will allocate a specific day and group for students to ensure they attend the correct sessions. This is particularly important as in GCSE Science, some students are preparing for the triple award and others the double.
- The working day will begin at 10am and end at 1:30pm and will consist of four sessions of 45 minutes. Students will remain in the same group or 'bubble' for all of these sessions and staff will move around the building to meet them.
- They will receive tuition in Maths, English, Science and Engineering.
- Students should bring their own pencil case, with at least two black pens, a pencil and ruler. An individual exercise book will be provided to students on arrival for all of the work, for all of the sessions, to be completed in. Students should wear 'smart casual' clothes and are not required to wear their normal business dress. This will allow clothes to be washed at the end of every day that they attend.

Year 12

- A-Level students will be invited into the Academy for a session for each of their subjects. We will run these subjects on a fortnightly basis and sessions will take place on either a Thursday or a Friday and will comprise of an extended three-hour session for each subject.

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- Students studying BTEC Engineering will not have any onsite sessions in this subject. This is due to the high volume of coursework that can be completed safely from home, combined with the fact that the Engineering team have just launched a very successful online interactive teaching programme that students are very engaged in. Engineering teachers have already communicated this with students directly and identified the dedicated online sessions that they can join to receive teaching for the final theory elements of the course.
- The working day will begin at 10am and end at 1:30pm. Students will remain in the same group or 'bubble' for each day they are in the Academy to minimise the time they spend moving around the building.
- Students should bring their own pencil case, with at least two black pens, a pencil and ruler. An individual exercise book will be provided. Students should wear 'smart casual' clothes and are not required to wear their normal business dress. This will allow clothes to be washed at the end of every day that they attend.

Small School

The Academy's small school provision for vulnerable students and the children of key workers will continue to run on a daily basis. Students who regularly attend this provision will be expected to join their 'bubbles' for face-to-face sessions on their allocated day; however, they may continue to attend small school for the remaining four days of the week.

Ongoing Communication

Please be reminded that if you need to contact the Academy throughout this period of closure, we recommend doing so by email to solihull.info@wmgacademy.org.uk. Safeguarding concerns should include the phrase 'CONFIDENTIAL – SAFEGUARDING' in the email subject line. Please remember that any parental communications are also available on our website by clicking [here](#).

Once again, we would like to thank you for your patience, understanding and co-operation at this challenging time.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs K Tague
Executive Principal



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