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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 10 students,

School re-opening for Year 10 students

You will all be aware that the government has introduced a strategy to ease the lockdown restrictions and this includes a phased re-opening of schools for Year 10 students. At Imberhorne, we have thought carefully about how we can provide our Year 10 students opportunities to have face-to-face support for online learning with subject teachers and in this letter, I want to explain the next step in this process.

Over the coming weeks, starting from Monday June 15th, Year 10 students will be invited into school for 3 hours to attend one lesson in each of the three core subjects – English, maths and science – and they will be taught by a specialist subject teacher. Each Year 10 student will receive an e-mail giving them details of the day and time they are invited to attend, and which classroom they will be in.

These lessons in school will support the online learning that students will continue to be set in the core subjects; the lessons themselves will also be available online for students who cannot come into school. I understand that some students must stay at home because of medical concerns within their family; also, some parents and students may not be confident that it is yet safe to return to school, even in this very limited way. Be assured, students will not be disadvantaged if they cannot attend these lessons in school as the work will be available for them to complete at home. Where possible, though, we would recommend that students attend when invited as they will benefit from the support our teachers can offer.

In planning to have Year 10 students return to school, in a limited way, we have considered how we can best support the safety of students and staff, including social distancing and have taken account of the guidance published by the government, the Department for Education and the Local Education Authority. The lessons in school will be organised as follows:

- Students will be invited either for a morning session or an afternoon session (08.30 -11.30 or 12.00 – 15.00).
- Students should attend in school uniform; all of the usual uniform rules apply.



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- There will only be about 30 students invited at a time, in one of two classes, no more than 15 in a class. These classes will be based on existing science sets.
- Each class will be in a science lab, as these are the largest rooms in the school; students will sit at their own table, 2 meters apart from each other.
- Students will stay in the same room for all 3 lessons; the English, maths or science teacher will join them.
- Each student will be provided with a laptop.
- Students should bring their exercise books for English, maths and science (if they have them, otherwise a lined pad of paper); also 2 pens, a calculator and headphones – no equipment will be available for lending.
- Students should have a water-bottle with them, but should not bring food as they will be in a science lab, and food may not be consumed inside.
- Students will stay in the classroom for the full 3-hour session. There will be short rest periods between each lesson, but no break-time as such.
- Where possible, it is recommended that students walk or cycle to school. If students are given lifts, they should be dropped off in the school bus bay only. Use public transport only if there is no alternative. Students will be expected to follow social distancing rules at all times (including when travelling to and from school).
- When students arrive in school, they will be directed to their classrooms, moving through the school so that they do not meet students in the other class.
- Students will be required to sanitise their hands as they go into the school and before they leave.
- At the end of each session, before the next group of students arrive, classrooms will be cleaned – tables, chairs, laptops, door handles and other surfaces will be wiped down and disinfected.

The introduction of these lessons in school will require timetable changes because we will not expect students to complete online work on the days when they are travelling into school. Home learning will still be set as homework that can be seen on Edulink, but



students will see changes to when their subject lessons appear on the timetable each week and the number of online learning lessons set will change as follows:

- English, maths, science: 3 hours per week (1 supported in school, but still set online; 2 for home learning alone)
- Option subjects (most students have 4 of these): 2 hours per week (home learning)
- PE: 2 hours per week (home learning)
- Full course GCSE RE: 1 hour per week for those who have chosen this course (home learning)

I hope that you will be reassured that with these plans, it will be safe for our students and staff to return to school for a few lessons in this limited way. I will send e-mails to each Year 10 student inviting them into school and setting out the day and time they can attend.

Please contact Mrs Sally Hannam, KS4 Attendance (shannam@imberhorne.co.uk) if your son/daughter will not be able to come in to school for these lessons, so that we know who should be in school each day.

Yours faithfully

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