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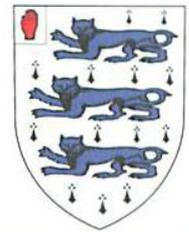
THE THOMAS ADAMS SCHOOL, WEM

incorporating

ADAMS COLLEGE SIXTH FORM CENTRE ADAMS HOUSE (BOARDING)

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5 June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

I am writing to you to provide you with details of our plans for the wider opening of Thomas Adams School from 15th June.

As I am sure you are aware, the Government has stated that, from 15th June, secondary schools should provide some face to face contact with students in Years 10 and 12 prior to the summer holidays. I will be writing to Year 10 and 12 parents separately with full details of how we will be gradually reintroducing some time in school for them, but in brief, we are planning the following:

Year 12

On Thursday 18th June, we will be holding a mentoring day for Year 12 from 9.00am to 2.00pm. This will involve individualised meetings for students with their subject teachers. Appointments will be made in order to minimise the amount of time students spend in school. I will be writing to Year 12 students in order to explain the appointment system, transport arrangements and expectations whilst on site.

Year 10

According to the recent responses gathered from a text sent to Year 10 parents, we are currently only expecting around half of the Year group to return to school. Therefore, on Wednesday 24th or Thursday 25th June, it is the intention to bring Year 10 into school to have a mentoring style day where pupils will be spending their time in "bubbles" with access to core subject teachers. The Government advice is that this should not exceed 25% of the year group (53 pupils) at any one time and so, should more parents feel that our plans would be beneficial and subsequently decide that they would like to send their child in, we will put further plans in place to accommodate this. Year 10 parents will receive further details of how the days will be organised and our expectations of students whilst on site. An addendum to our Behaviour Policy has been completed and can be found on our website under the Key information for School.

Further Planning w/c 29th June

Due to the rapidly changing landscape, we do not have concrete plans and remain flexible in order to best meet the needs of our pupils. It is hoped that, if the mentoring days in previous weeks have been successful, we will continue with Year 10 and 12 provision. Our decisions will always be driven by considerations for the continued health and safety of all and any further guidance provided by the Government nearer the time.

I would like to reassure parents that a thorough Risk Assessment has been completed, following consultation with all unions and key staff. This contains guidance of how "bubbles" will work, how movement around the school will be managed and how hygiene will be maintained, along with a range of operational and logistical information. This Risk Assessment is available to view on the school website under the Key Information for School: www.thomasadams.net



In order to assist with the planning of our provision for Year 10 and 12 students, we will be sending out a form for parents to complete. A link will be sent via text message and email, informing us of whether you intend to send your child to school on the dates given and how they will be transported. Please submit the completed form by lunchtime on Monday.

Years 7-10 and 12

For Years 7 to 10 and 12, daily lessons will continue to be accessed through Teams. We do fully appreciate how challenging this is, but it is likely that this will continue to be the norm for an extended period of time. Therefore, please encourage your son/daughter to contact their teachers via Teams if they are finding a specific subject difficult. Teachers will then agree times with students when they are available in order to provide additional support. It is also important that your child submits work to their teachers to ensure that feedback is received and further guidance is offered where necessary.

Having listened carefully to feedback, we are looking to extend our provision by setting more varied learning tasks, which do not always require the Internet or devices. Hopefully this will reduce issues surrounding access to digital devices. If you are having difficulties with access to devices or Internet, please contact the Head of Year as we are able to offer paper work packs where necessary.

Vulnerable Children and Children of Key Workers

We continue to remain open for the children of key workers and vulnerable children. If you have not accessed this service, but would like to do so, please email enquiries@thomasadams.net to provide us with details so we can plan appropriately. Provision for these pupils will be kept entirely separate from the Year 10 and 12 pupils on site; they will use different areas of the building, and their break times will not happen at the same time.

If you have any questions or concerns about the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact school using the enquiries@thomasadams.net email address.

Kind Regards



Mark Cooper
Headteacher