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## **An Important Directive: Onsite Education following Governmental Guidance**

Dear Parents/Carers of students in Year 10 and 12,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you, following the guidance from the government regarding opening of school for 25% of Year 10 and 12.

The contents of this letter detail our ambition to deliver some vital face to face learning opportunities on site before the summer holiday for Year 10 and 12, and a change in timings of onsite provision for selected students.

Please read this letter in conjunction with the Code of Conduct document available on the website.

Please go through these carefully with your child. It is vital that they understand the new changes that must be adhered to when they come back onsite, for the safety of the whole of the Smestow community. Please note when they do come back onsite, they should be wearing uniform: Blazer, shirt, shoes, school trousers or skirt and tie.

Later this week, we will be issuing a video, which will show how these changes in Code of Conduct and Movement around school will affect students when they are onsite. We will send you further communications when this video is released.

We look forward to seeing our students again. We hope that coming back into school will provide them with the opportunity to escape from the virtual world of Teams and see their friends and teachers- albeit at a 2m distance! The contents of this directive are to ensure that this can be done as safely as possible. While this directive and the enclosed appendices may seem a little austere, the changes and approaches detailed are all vital to ensure the health of our students, staff and their families.



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### **Our Ambition to deliver some vital face to face learning opportunities on site**

- To provide a 2-hour session per week to all Y12 students.
- To provide a 2-hour session per week to all Y10 students

In order to promote the health and safety of students and staff onsite, we have adopted a number of measures which have been scrutinised and approved by Elite, an external and independent health and safety management company. This risk assessment we developed will be reviewed and developed on a weekly basis and I would like to reassure you that nothing is set in stone we will at all times follow the government guidance, which is published here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ybyf3c7f>

Only a very small percentage of the school will be in the building at any one time, at most, a quarter of year 10 and a quarter of Year 12. We have spread the entry points and classrooms to maintain social distancing and have more handwashing and sanitising resources available in the room they will be using.

### **Change in timings for onsite provision from 15<sup>th</sup> June**

The issuing of new guidance has meant we have had to change the timings of the day for those small numbers of students from Year 10 and Year 12 who will be attending school. **If your son or daughter is expected in School on a particular day, they will receive an invitation. Invitations will be sent out later this week.**

The changes are as follows:

- Invited students from Year 10 working in school from 10.00-12.00
- Invited students from Year 12 working in the Dining Hall every day from 12.30-2.30pm.

### **Changes to Free School Meals entitlement**

From 15<sup>th</sup> June, students who are expected to be in school (Years 10 and 12) will receive their FSM entitlement in the form of a hamper on the day they are in school. They will no longer be eligible to the Edenred vouchers. Students who are shielding themselves or family members will still be eligible and their food hamper will be delivered to their home address.



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The safety of our students and staff remains our upmost priority in all decision making. We look forward to a modest increase in our onsite provision, and would like to thank both you and your children in anticipation of their co-operation and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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