



Dear Parent/Carer

Earlier this week the guidance for secondary schools has been updated to allow schools to invite pupils in for face-to-face meetings before the summer holidays, if they have the capacity to do so.

Here at Backwell School we would very much like to invite all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 into school for a face-to-face meeting before the end of Term 6. The intention of these one-off 'check-in' sessions would be to help us get a clearer sense of how pupils have found learning from home, to check on their wellbeing, and to plan further teaching. It will also allow students to visit the school site and see a small group of familiar faces (both friends and staff).

Therefore we are emailing today to invite your child into school, and to gather parental uptake on this proposal:

- All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 would have one hour long session in school. They will meet with their Tutor and Pastoral Leader during this time to discuss how they have been getting on over the past few months.
- They will be grouped into small, socially distanced, groups of no more than 10 from the same tutor group.
- We are planning to run these sessions from 9.45 am - 3.00 pm over a two-week period beginning Monday 29 June 2020.
 - Our current schedule looks like this – however it is subject to change once we have gathered parental views. Due to the complexity of the safe organisation of these sessions we are unable to offer parents specific slots to sign up to.

Monday 29 June	Tuesday 30 June	Wednesday 1 July	Thursday 2 July	Friday 3 July
Year 8 & 9 Cotswold students	Year 8 & 9 Mendip students	Year 8 & 9 Quantock students	Year 8 & 9 Sedgemoor students	Year 7 Students
Monday 6 July	Tuesday 7 July	Wednesday 8 July	Thursday 9 July	Friday July 10
Year 7 Students	Year 7 Students	Year 8 & 9 Quantock students	Year 8 & 9 Sedgemoor students	

- We have extensive protective measures in place on the school site, include one way routes, hand sanitiser and increased cleaning to keep all of those on-site as safe as possible.

- We ask that children walk or cycle to school to attend these sessions, otherwise they can be driven by parents (no lift sharing) to avoid using coach/public transport as per the current [government guidelines](#).

If you would like your child to be scheduled in for a face-to-face wellbeing check in please complete [this online form](#) by 9.00 am on Wednesday 24 June.

Following this deadline we will confirm the exact time and details for your child's wellbeing session.

Please note that children of key workers, who are already regularly visiting the school site would not be able to join their tutor groups for these face-to-face sessions as this is against government guidelines as it will result in unnecessary social mixing. We will continue to support and work with these children whilst they are in their in-school supervision pod and their Tutor and Pastoral Leader will ensure they are included in any information circulated.

We look forward to seeing our students in Years 7, 8 and 9 over the next few weeks.

Mr J Nunes
Headteacher