



Thursday 11 June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Face-to-face sessions in school for students in Years 10 and 12

As outlined in the weekly email bulletin on Friday 5 June, Backwell School will be offering face-to-face sessions for Year 10 and Year 12 students, in small groups, starting in the week beginning Monday 15 June.

In line with [government guidance](#) the aim of these sessions is to supplement and support our remote learning programme, including Live Learning via Microsoft Teams, which remains “the predominant mode of education for all secondary school students”. During these sessions, we will be assessing how students are engaging with remote learning, answering any questions they may have and preparing them for continuing their learning during the rest of Term 6. We will also identify if a student would benefit from a subsequent, additional programme of ‘face-to-face’ sessions (for example to catch up with their studies).

In this letter you will find specific details and timetables for Year 10 and Year 12 students as well as information on travelling to school and social distancing measures to ensure the safety of all in school.

Year 10 students

Will be invited one tutor group at a time between **9.45 am and 12.15 pm on the following days:**

| Monday 15 June | Tuesday 16 June | Wednesday 17 June | Thursday 18 June | Friday 19 June |
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| 10C1 | 10M1 | 10M2 | 10S1 | 10Q1 |
| Monday 22 June | Tuesday 23 June | Wednesday 24 June | Thursday 25 June | Friday 26 June |
| 10Q2 | 10M3 | 10S2 | 10S3 | 10C2 |

Each tutor group will be divided into four smaller groups - each in a room specifically set up for safe, socially distanced learning and students will follow the timetable below. They will have one session led by their Head or Deputy Head of House, and three further sessions which will be led by subject specialists in the ‘core’ subjects of Maths, English and Science. We would like to have been able to offer sessions in option subjects as well, but unfortunately this would involve a significant amount of additional social mixing, which under government public health guidance is not permitted. However, if your child has any issues with remote learning in any of these subjects, they can speak to a member of the pastoral staff who will make their teachers aware.

Schedule for Year 10 students

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| 9.45 am - 9.50 am | Arrival and registration in the Sixth Form Block | | | |
| 9.50 am - 10.00 am | Brief introduction to the day from the Senior Leadership Team | | | |
| | Group A | Group B | Group C | Group D |
| 10.00 am - 10.30 am | Remote Learning and Wellbeing check-up | Science check-in | English check-in | Maths check-in |
| 10.30 am - 11.00 am | Maths check-in | Remote Learning and Wellbeing check-up | Science check-in | English check-in |
| 11.00am - 11.15am | Break | | | |

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| 11.15 am - 11.45 am | English check-in | Maths check-in | Remote Learning and Wellbeing check-up | Science check-in |
| 11.45 am - 12.15 pm | Science check-in | English check-in | Maths check-in | Remote Learning and Wellbeing check-up |

Remote Learning and Wellbeing check-up – this session will be run by their Head of Deputy Head of House

There will be opportunities to:

- Assess how you have been coping with remote learning
- Talk through any issues that have arisen
- Ask questions or seek help with Live Learning

‘Core’ Subject Check-in

The purpose of these sessions is identify any problems with remote learning and ensure pupils have a clear picture of the learning required in Term 6 and how they will achieve this. A subject specialist will run these sessions, although this is unlikely to be the pupils’ usual teacher. There will be opportunities to:

- Tell the teacher about their best and worst experiences of remote learning
- Ask questions about topics covered so far
- Listen to how live learning will be used in the subject to support learning
- See an outline of the work ahead, including how to prepare for the end of term assessment
- Be given paper-based materials to take away for use at home

Year 12 students

Year 12 students are being invited in small groups between **1.00 pm and 3.30 pm**. A group of around 30 students will be invited into school on each day from **Thursday 18 June to Thursday 25 June** and will be split into three smaller groups - each in a room specifically set up for safe, socially distanced learning. This session will be led by a member of the Sixth Form Team and will include:

- Delivery of key Future Plans Information, Advice and Guidance
- Resources and set tasks to enable students to start UCAS applications or research other options
- An assessment of how students have been coping with remote learning
- An opportunity to talk through any issues, to ask questions or to seek help with Live Learning

The Sixth Form Team will communicate later this week which students are due in school on which date.

A reminder that our virtual “Future Plans Week” begins on Wednesday 17 June. An overview of activities and student instructions for Future Plans tasks have been set on FROG for all students. Electronic copies of all resources will be sent home to all parents/carers of Year 12 students on Friday 26 June.

Following the sessions outlined above, should we feel specific Year 12 students would benefit from additional face-to-face time in school we will email parents and students with these specific details.

The following information applies to students in both Year 10 and Year 12

Attendance

There is no need to book a place on this session as the expectation is that all students attend with the exception of those detailed below*. We will contact any non-attendees via phone to understand the reasons, however no penalties will be issued during this timeframe.

* Student groups:

Students currently attending school (e.g. children of key workers or vulnerable students)

- *These students continue to attend school as normal. They cannot join their tutor group sessions as this will involve additional social mixing.*

Extremely clinically vulnerable students:

- *These students should not attend school*

Clinically vulnerable students:

- *Parents should follow latest medical advice*

Students living in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable

- *These students should not attend school. Please contact school if you wish to discuss your circumstances.*

Students living in a household with someone who is clinically vulnerable (including pregnant)

- *These students should attend school*

If in doubt please refer to the [Government's advice](#) on the above definitions.

Travelling to school

Where possible, students should walk, cycle, drive or get a lift into school.

- **Walking** - If your child is walking to school they must maintain social distancing from friends/other pedestrians at all times.
- **Cycling** - If your child is able to safely cycle into school please ensure they bring a bike chain with them as the bike shed will be unavailable. There are bicycle racks outside the main reception block.
- **Car** - If you usually drive your child to and from school, or would prefer this to your usual mode of transport, please use the main entrance to school (Meadow Close) and the usual drop off point in the gravel car park.
 - Only the student should get out of the vehicle. Adults should drive away immediately.
 - For collection, please arrive for 12.15pm (for Year 10 parents/carers) or 3.30pm (for Year 12 parents/carers). Your child will be waiting in the main carpark for you.
 - Year 12 students who have a driving licence may park in the coach park areas: those who have not driven to school before but have their driving license and valid insurance will need to give in their details at the Sixth Form Office. Students who are not in the same household should not share lifts.
- **Bus/coach** - Please try and use one of the modes of transport above, however if your child use home-to-school transport to get to school this service will still be running
 - Students will need to be at their usual bus stop 1 hour later than their normal pick up time.
 - Student should arrive at the bus stop with plenty of time and must observe social distancing while waiting (2 metres apart from those outside of their household).
 - Students must wear a face covering on the coach.
- **Public Transport** – we strongly recommend that you use one of the methods of transport detailed above.
 - If a student must use public transport they will need to observe [government guidelines](#) (including wearing a face covering) and social distancing whilst waiting.
 - I suggest checking timetables in advance as buses and trains may be running a revised service.

All access to the school is via the main entrance on Meadow Close. Gates from the A370/leisure centre will be locked.

On arrival at school your child will be welcomed by a member of the Senior Leadership Team who will safely direct them to the Sixth Form Building.

What to bring

All students should bring the following with them

- Water (there will be no facility to refill whilst on site so please bring enough to last)
- A snack if desired (no food will be available to purchase on site)
- Pen/pencil
- Bag to carry home additional paperwork handed out during the session
- Uniform is not required but please encourage them to dress appropriately
- Own laptop, if this is already their normal way of working in school and it is set up for Backwell systems

Health, Safety and Hygiene on the school site

We have made many changes to the site to ensure the health and safety of students, staff and visitors. These include:

- Two metre distancing signage in all key areas
- Sanitisation stations on entry / exit points to all buildings
- Maximised room ventilation
- Alteration of room layouts to allow for two metre spacing
- Increased cleaning regime

We are following the Government's advice in relation to personal protective equipment and therefore students are not required to wear face masks except if/when travelling to school by coach or public transport.

Code of Conduct

We have a revised code of conduct, based on the Backwell behaviour policy, which is currently in use at all times on the school site. All students, on site, are expected to follow this code which has been created to keep the school COVID-safe.

- Expectations for behaviour are as normal for Backwell School: you must follow the instructions of staff.
- Behave as you would if you knew you had the virus.
- On arrival, and having signed in, use hand sanitiser.
- Hand wash before eating and at regular intervals during the day as directed.
- Keep two metres away from other children or members of staff at all times
- Use a tissue if you cough or sneeze.
- You must use the hand basins and toilet facilities allocated to you.
- Only sit in your allocated seat.
- Follow marked one-way systems at all times.
- Use the same laptop/computer during the day.
- Bring your own filled water bottle and food/snacks.
- Do not touch anyone else's belongings.
- You must not share food or drinks.
- If you do not follow the expectations around behaviour and hygiene you may not be allowed to continue attending the school.

First Aid provision

There will always be a qualified first aider on site. A dedicated area has been set up for anybody (staff or student) displaying symptoms of Covid-19, these being:

- High temperature
- New / continuous cough
- Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Anyone displaying any of these symptoms will be isolated (with first aid support) and arrangements will be made for their immediate collection. They will not be allowed back on site for at least 7 days unless they provide proof that they tested negative for Covid-19.

Please do not send your child to school if they have any of these symptoms.

Opening the school site to Year 10 and Year 12 students

Plans to open are led by and dependent on current Government advice and will be reviewed on a daily basis. You will be contacted if there are any changes to the above information.

Finally, before coming into school, students should watch this [short video](#), which shows how school is working in a safe way during this period.

Thank you for your support as we welcome more students onto the school site.



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