



The Sutton Academy

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Principal: Mrs Alison Sherman

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are safe and well. Once again, I must thank you for supporting your child by ensuring that they are engaging with the online learning we are providing.

We are all very eager to welcome students back into the academy, when it is safe to do so, and I am writing to update you on our position following the Government's recent announcement that schools should reopen for specific year groups from 1 June.

The Government has asked Secondary schools to begin some face to face support for students in Years 10 and 12 from this date, **provided that the five key tests set by the government are met**. This is in addition to continuing our provision for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children in all year groups.

We are currently finalising our plans to allow students in Years 10 and 12 access to face to face tutorials. These tutorials will only begin when I am confident we have all possible safety precautions in place to ensure all staff and students are safe. These precautions include:

- Carrying out a risk assessment before opening to more students – the assessment will directly address risks associated with coronavirus so that sensible measures can be put in place to minimise those risks for staff and students.
- Making sure that students and staff do not attend if they or a member of their household has symptoms of Coronavirus.
- Ensuring floor markings and signage is in place to remind students about appropriate social distancing.
- Promoting regular hand washing for 20 seconds or hand sanitising and ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' approach.
- Cleaning more frequently to get rid of the virus on frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles, handrails and table tops.
- Minimising contact through smaller classes or group sizes and altering the environment to ensure social distancing is adhered to.
- Timetabling tutorial sessions to avoid the need for students to be in the academy over break or lunch times.

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In the first instance, these tutorials will provide limited face to face contact between students and staff and the aim will be for the meeting to supplement home learning which will continue for all students. The exact start date of any face to face tutorials may also be dependent on national and local union agreement.

Over the next few days, Mr Willerton will write to parents of students in Years 10 and 12 with further details of the face to face tutorials. We will also be asking these parents to complete a survey that will allow us to gauge how students will attend these tutorials.

There are currently no plans for face to face tutorials in any other year group. We will continue to set online learning for all year groups.

We will monitor and review the provision we are able to offer and we will improve it whenever and wherever we can.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A.M. Sherman".

A M Sherman
Principal