



May 18th 2020

## School Opening Update:

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Re: Possible reopening of school to more pupils in June

We know you've seen in the news that schools may partially reopen on 1 June to pupils in primary schools and pupils in year 10 and year 12 later on, **IF** the government thinks it's safe to do so. This is unlikely to be on a full-time basis, but will allow pupils to get some face-to-face contact with teachers to support their home learning. It's a very unsettling time for us all, but rest assured that we're going to be doing everything we can to make sure we're ready to receive these year groups **IF** it's safe for our school to reopen in the coming weeks.

We're creating a detailed action plan that we'll share with you as soon as possible so you know what the school's reopening will look like in practice. Precautions we'll be taking will include:

- Limiting class sizes
- Creating a mixture of onsite and virtual lessons
- Staggering break times, and pick-up and drop-off times
- Increased cleaning
- Keeping pupils and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home
- Discouraging students that need to use public transport to attend school

If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning. If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school. Please refer to [government guidance](#) for further details of these groups.

I want to reassure you that we're not going to be pressuring any pupil to come into school. We'll keep you updated with all our preparations for making sure the school is as safe as possible, so you and your child can make an informed decision about whether to come in. Over the next couple of weeks, our pastoral team will be making contact with each Year 10 pupil's family in order to discuss the process. In the meantime, please continue to encourage your young person to complete their work as we are very much enjoying their successes. I can also confirm that next week is half term, so no additional work will be set from May 25th until June 1st! If you have any questions, please contact us in the usual way.

Warm Regards,

Jo Ware  
Head of School UTC Plymouth

