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Dear Parent/ Carer

As I am sure you are aware, the Prime Minister announced last Sunday that he anticipates some face-to-face contact between schools and Year 10/Year 12 pupils from 1st June. The government does not want a return to full timetables or all Year 10/12 pupils back in school full time during the summer term, rather some support to supplement their remote education.

I write to share our current thoughts and plans in relation to the Prime Minister's announcement and the associated subsequent government guidance.

I am sure you will agree that the live teaching, which has been taking place for students in Year 10 and 12 since 23rd March (when schools were closed) is exceptional practice and fulfils the expectation of providing a first-class teaching and learning experience during this crisis. Indeed, our provision is ensuring that students have not missed any curriculum time. This is a rare position compared to the majority of schools and I thank the staff for their wonderful efforts as Key Workers.

As a College, we are in a challenging position due to the significant number of students who travel to us by public transport or on the coaches. Therefore, given the live teaching, we do not currently believe that the risks associated with travel and the potential difficulties of implementing the proposed government strategies to be worthwhile. Obviously, it is regrettable that students are missing out on social interaction but this is in accordance with government guidelines on social distancing. We will continue to review our position and will change our strategy as soon as we deem it is safe and worthwhile to do so.

We believe that the government's desire to ensure that all students are accessing education is a pertinent point. Therefore, we are adapting the approach to our provision from 1st June 2020 in that any Year 10 or Year 12 student **who is not fully participating** in the live lessons or submitting the relevant work to a good standard will be required to attend College. This will be a supportive measure to ensure that any gaps in their learning are closed and reduce any disadvantage they will experience in their studies. Pastoral Leads will be in touch to discuss this with individual students and their parents.

As you know, Painsley Catholic College has been open throughout the period of school closure for some of our vulnerable students and children of key workers where there is no alternative arrangement. This provision will continue and the safeguarding or SEND team will be in contact with all students and their parents/carers to review the provision on offer.

Equally, if you are key workers (see linked document below) and require your son/daughter to attend school, please email Mrs Baskeyfield office@painsley.staffs.sch.uk by Wednesday 20th May, including your job title, line manager details and the days and hours of provision required.



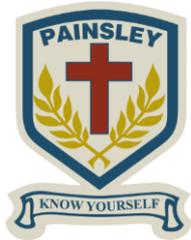
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You should not send your child to school if you or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of coronavirus or indeed is self-isolating. If this is the case, please inform school immediately. The government has announced that once schools are open again (currently from 1st June for key students), staff and students in all settings will be eligible for testing if they become ill with coronavirus symptoms, as will members of their household. This will enable children and young people to return to education, and their parents or carers to get back to work, if the test proves to be negative. A positive test will ensure rapid action to protect all the children and staff.

As you know, our first priority is the health and safety of the students and staff. To achieve this, we have developed a revised risk assessment for anyone attending the school setting. The series of measures are what we promise to deliver in school and, if sending your son/daughter to school, you promise to adhere to your part in the fight against this awful disease and keep the community safe.

The risk assessment includes:

- a maximum group size in each classroom of 15 to ensure appropriate social distancing.
- students will be allocated an individual desk to work at in order to minimise the sharing of space or equipment.
- all students are expected to provide their own stationery and equipment to complete the work set by their teachers (including headphones for Years 10 & 12).
- students are expected to attend in regularly cleaned school uniform.
- students are expected to complete the work set by their teachers and submit it in accordance with the teacher's instructions.
- students are welcome to bring a packed lunch but the canteen will be available for students to access a hot meal.
- break times and lunchtimes will be staggered to avoid students gathering together.
- a 'one-way' system will be in operation across the site to avoid crossing in corridors.
- in line with government guidance, we ask that face masks are not worn in College but may be worn on public transport.
- good hygiene will be reinforced throughout the day and across the site.
- cleaning will take place throughout the day and at the end of every day.

If your child or anyone in your household is classed as extremely vulnerable, please contact College to discuss how we can support you.

I assure you that live teaching in Years 12, 10 & 9 and remote learning for Years 7 & 8 will continue as previously. Students attending College will be completing the work set by their teachers.

We will be running a special half-term activity club for vulnerable and key workers' children at Painsley. Please contact Mrs Baskeyfield (office@painsley.staffs.sch.uk) if you would like your child to attend by Wednesday 20th May.



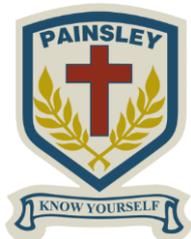
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Finally, I assure you that we will do our utmost to provide a safe and caring environment for the staff and students in our College. Fully participating in the educational provision on offer is vital for the students' mental health and wellbeing.

God bless

Mrs R Waugh
Principal

Useful government website links are as follows:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020/actions-for-education-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020>

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/covid-19-guidance-on-protecting-people-most-likely-to-get-unwell-from-coronavirus-shielding-young-peoples-version>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/our-plan-to-rebuild-the-uk-governments-covid-19-recovery-strategy>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

*Vulnerable child definition:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-young-people/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-young-people>



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