



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week I wrote to parents of Year 10 pupils ahead of the proposed return to school for pupils in this year group from the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. We have undertaken detailed planning in order to ensure that we can deliver a provision for pupils that meets guidelines to support a safe environment for both staff and our young people. We have requested that Year 10 parents complete a survey and I would ask that all parents, who are yet to do so, complete this to help inform our planning.

I'm sure a number of parents will be aware that primary schools in Warrington, and other areas within the North West, have delayed their planned opening. Primary schools were due to commence wider opening from the 8<sup>th</sup> of June but a decision has been taken to delay opening in order that more information can be sought as the safety of young people across the Town remains the key consideration. I'd like to pass on my support to primary colleagues and to those within the local authority who have worked closely across the weekend to ensure that difficult yet informed decisions could be taken.

I want to reassure parents that this decision does not impact on our planned reopening for Year 10 pupils inline with the plans outlined in my letter to parents. We will, of course, monitor the situation closely over the next week taking account of any scientific information and inform parents of changes; though at present we don't foresee any changes to plans.

School will remain open this week for the children of key workers and our vulnerable young people.

For all pupils this week, our remote learning offer continues; with lessons for all subjects following the normal school timetable and staff issuing resources through Teams. As it is likely that there will be some level of disruption for the foreseeable future - possibly into the next academic year - I feel it's important to stress that pupils should maintain the dedication and commitment to their studies shown in recent weeks. It'd be very easy for pupils to disengage in remote learning having been away from school for a lengthy period but it's crucial that pupils maintain engagement in their learning so that they are in the best possible position upon their return to school, whenever this might be. Lessons continue tomorrow from 9am.

We also continue to publish our Enrichment Bulletin each week. This document provides links to resources and activities to widen pupils' educational experiences beyond our curriculum lessons and also includes resources that can help support their wellbeing during what is likely to be a troubling and confusing time for them.

The wellbeing of our pupils remains our greatest priority and parents will be aware that form tutors have been contacting families of pupils in their form. Our welfare team are also working hard during this period to continue to support pupils and if you do have any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to contact us at school using the email address [welfare@penkethhigh.org](mailto:welfare@penkethhigh.org).

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We were pleased that over the weekend the report from our Ofsted inspection back in February was finally published officially. Ofsted had temporarily stopped publishing reports after the outbreak of COVID 19 and so the publication of our report had been delayed as a result. This is pleasing and important for the school but, of course, the current national crisis provides sobering perspective in relation to significance. Never-the-less, we are duty bound to direct you to the report which can be found at the link below; I recognise that this is perhaps not a priority for parents at this time.

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50151757>

Finally, can I congratulate pupils on their superb return from the half-term break; over 350 Going for Gold postcards were issued to pupils last week as a direct result of their efforts in producing some incredible work. Well done to all of the recipients and to all of our pupils who continue to show dedication and commitment towards their studies and their future success.

I'd like to wish you all the very best and hope that you and your families remain in good health.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Carlin  
Principal.



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