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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Partial Onsite Provision for Year 12 Students - UPDATE**

I am writing to you further to my letter of 21st May, in which I outlined our plans for some face-to-face support for Year 10 and 12 students. The Department for Education has since clarified its guidelines relating to such provision. I am writing to inform you, therefore, that we have updated our plans accordingly, also taking into account parental and other feedback, and are intending to commence on site provision for Year 10 and 12 students from Monday 15th June 2020.

It is important for me, as the Headteacher of Southborough High School, to be crystal clear that the health and safety of our students, staff and parents / carers is always my top priority and that I have proceeded with our planning with this at the forefront of my thinking. I am also conscious of the fact that our students need to return to school for face to face provision in order to improve their academic engagement and achievement. Despite our best efforts, Remote Learning can never fully replace the actual experience of attending school. This is particularly true for disadvantaged and vulnerable students.

In brief, our plan involves:

- Each student attending school one day out of every seven, in the morning and / or the afternoon
- Each student attending a two and a half hour lesson from their timetable with no more than 10 fellow students; each day will consist of a different subject, so that all subjects will be covered;
- Remote learning to continue when students are not attending school;
- Rigorous risk assessment and health and safety procedures.

This plan has the advantages of safety, simplicity, regularity, routine and support. We will be sending you further details in due course.



In order to assist you, the Department for Education has updated its guidance for parents:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june> (QR Code below).

I would like to reassure you that in this matter, as in all things, I am driven and guided by the best interests of the students of this school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Niall Smith', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Niall Smith**

**Headteacher**

DfE Guidance:

