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Dear Parent/Carer of Year 10 children,

In my previous correspondence, on the 25th May, I sent out a short survey to ask about your feelings regarding a possible return of your child to the Academy on Monday 15th June. I must thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. Your feedback has been invaluable in aiding our planning when reopening the Academy to Year 10 students on Monday 15th June.

Over 70% of Y10 parents and carers responded to the questionnaire and the general feedback informed us that there was a 50/50 split amongst parents and carers regarding whether they would be sending their child back on Monday 15th of June. The main consensus amongst parents and carers was that they would like more information about the measures the Academy would be putting in place to ensure the safety of their child.

I have put together a short video which explains what we are doing as an Academy to ensure the highest standards of safety are being adhered to. This will hopefully give you more information and reassure you that your child will be as safe as possible when you send them into the Academy. The video can be found by following the link below:

<https://youtu.be/fLnA4xum7GI>

I hope by watching this video it will allay any fears that you may have and reassure you that it is safe for you to send your child into the Academy.

The plan that I intend to implement, following government guidelines, is for teachers and students to have 'face to face' time. Students will be invited in on an appointment only basis, where they will receive 15 minute one to one appointments with a member of teaching staff from each subject area. The first two weeks will involve students having appointments with English, Maths, Science and PE staff, and also an appointment with their Head of House. The following two/three weeks will focus on the other GCSE subjects.

Enclosed with this letter is a slip with individual appointment times along with COVID -19 guidance. Please can you ensure that your child arrives at the Academy reception five minutes before their first appointment, following the guidance of the signage in place at the school entrance. Students will **not be required to wear uniform**. Students **must bring their own pen**. Students **may bring a mask to wear should they wish**.

In the meantime, the priority for our students is to continue their work from home. There will be the opportunity for students to raise issues with members of staff in their meeting, arrange any Microsoft meets and ensure they leave the meetings with staff knowing what is required to further their studies.

I hope this information helps to explain what the Academy will be doing to provide your child with an education over this difficult period. Although it may not seem an ideal solution for everyone, I believe it is the best and safest option that we have in line with government guidance at present. Please rest assured that we are already working on plans to ensure that your child makes up for lost time when they begin Year 11. I will write to you as soon as these plans are in place, and I receive further guidance from the government.

If there is any further information you require, please do not hesitate to contact me on enquires@farringdonca.net

Yours faithfully,

Mr N Holder, Headteacher