

10th June 2020

Letter to secondary parent/carers

I wrote to you last week to outline the steps we were taking to begin the wider opening of our secondary schools.

Our Risk Assessment has now been reviewed and approved by the Trust Board. The full document is available on the trust website (www.wellswaymat.com).

Throughout the planning process the safety of young people and adults has been our over-riding concern. Our risk assessment has been based on the hierarchy of controls the government has asked us to factor into our planning to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. These are:

- *Controlling the transmission of the disease:* minimising contact with children and adults who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.
- *Management and control through personal hygiene:* cleaning hands more often than usual - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.
- *Ensuring good respiratory hygiene:* promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- *Enhanced cleaning regimes:* cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach.
- *Minimising contact and mixing:* altering, as much as possible, the environment (such as classroom layout) and timetables (such as staggered break times).

Further to the Trust Board's approval, from Monday 15th June, year 10 pupils will be invited to return to school in small groups. For schools with sixth forms, we will be beginning 'live lessons' for year 12 students with their subject teachers. Each school will be writing to parents in these year groups to share the detail of how this will operate for their setting.

Even for the small number of pupils returning to school, remote learning will continue to be the main method of education delivery. We are very aware that for years 7, 8 and 9 it continues to be the sole mechanism. We are continually working to improve this experience and support young people at home and this week's newsletter contains a link to a questionnaire that enables you to have a say on what is working well and how we may further improve this remote learning experience.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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