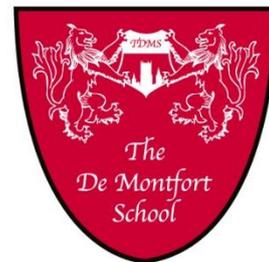


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TDMS Educational Provision – Update 27th May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you further to Mr. Johnson's announcement late on Sunday afternoon, 24th May 2020, regarding provision for Years 10 and 12.

Firstly, I would like to thank parents/carers for your overwhelmingly positive response to the actions we have taken so far in terms of the provision we have been offering and our detailed plans for the phased reintroduction of our Year 6 (alongside the continuation of our Skeleton school) from 1st June 2020.

Mr. Johnson announced on Sunday that Year 10 and Year 12 would have 'some contact' with their teachers after 15th June 2020. This followed on from the PM's announcement a few weeks ago regarding early years and Year 6.

Of course, at TDMS, we are in a unique position, because we teach children both in Year 6 and Years 10 and 12 under one roof. So any extension to our provision to support Years 10 and 12 is actually more complicated than for secondary schools generally. This is especially the case, given we have to minimise risk from 1st June 2020, and have created a large number of separate zones for our Year 6s and the skeleton school, each with their own facilities. As a result, any introduction of extra groups would compromise safety in terms of forcing some sharing of facilities, which we absolutely want to avoid at this stage.

Having said this, I would like to reassure our Year 10 and Year 12 students and parents that we most definitely have not forgotten you and you are very important to us.

You have been receiving home learning of a high standard right from the start of lockdown and even before the PM's announcement, we were already busy looking at the best ways to continue to support Years 10 and 12 this coming term, in particular exploring video lessons. Now, further to his announcement, we will be carefully considering if we might be able to provide any actual time in school for you.

We will be able to give you further details regarding this possibility, once we have been able to review the success of Wave One of reintroducing our children (beginning with Year 6 at the same time as the continuation of our Skeleton school) on 1st June 2020.

So, at this stage, we cannot make any firm commitment towards extending our support to include Years 10 and 12. I am sure you will agree that it is naturally prudent that, only after careful monitoring and reviewing of the success of our 'first wave', should we look at the next stage.

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Home learning will of course still continue to be provided to support the learning needs of all of our children from Year 6 to Year 12 and we have also established a virtual start for our Year 11s into our Sixth Form.

Please note that all the decisions we have made, have been and will continue to be cautious and risk assessed to maximise the safety of our whole school community: staff, children and parents.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your tremendous support during these unprecedented and challenging times, and I hope you are all having a safe and restful half term.

Please note: The implementation of Wave One from 1st June 2020, is also on condition that our risk assessments have received approval from County and the PM has indeed confirmed that the government has met its own 5 tests. Final confirmation will be given to you as soon as we have received confirmation of both these points.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guy Nichols', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Guy Nichols