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## YEAR 10 AND 12 STUDENTS RETURNING TO ST JOHN'S, MARLBOROUGH IN TERM 6

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you all remain safe and well. As directed by GOVUK, we are planning to meet the 'ambition' to provide a school experience of sorts for our Year 10 and 12 students before the end of Term 6. It is my intention to roll out a plan that enables us to do this as soon as possible. To that end, I require you to complete the very simple questionnaire by following this [link](#). The questionnaire is not about gathering opinion as to whether we 'should' open, but it will enable me to have a clear picture about what the uptake would be so that the right model can safely be put in place. It is essential that the returns are made quickly (**by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at the latest**) please.

We are putting in place a significant number of very complex plans and it is important to stress from the outset that our offer needs to satisfy everybody and that a return is safe and well managed. We will not have a model in place which has the whole year group in at any one time and it will be unlikely to last for the duration of the traditional school day times. We know too that we need to meet the following, but by no means exhaustive safeguards:

- Clinically vulnerable children should stay at home.
- Children sharing a home with extremely clinically vulnerable people should stay at home.
- Children without the capacity to adhere to social distancing protocols should stay at home.
- Children must bring a coat/waterproof (the outdoors is a much safer place to gather and wait, it might rain!).
- Children have to hand wash without question when told.
- Children have to use tissues/bins appropriately.
- The school would adapt its usual behaviour policy towards a "no risk" situation where any student not behaving safely would have to be picked up by parents at very short notice.
- Parents would have to support whatever protocols are in place for the school drop off and pick up.
- Numbers planning is crucial for a school setting so it would be almost impossible to accommodate people who change their minds about attending.
- Any child exhibiting any sign of illness has to stay at home and follow self-isolation guidelines (Covid symptoms are sufficiently varied in children to warrant this).
- Children who become ill whilst in school will have to be able to be sent home.

Much will have changed around the Academy in terms of sanitation, one-way systems and social distancing protocols and there will be more about that in due course. It is critical that parents and students unreservedly accept the conditions we will attach to the safe running of our provision too.

In addition, there is an important question about transport which we need to hear from you on. We realise that a large number of our students rely on buses or taxis, and whilst I remain assured that Wiltshire Local Authority take responsibility for this area, there are no cast-iron guarantees as of yet. It is probably safe to say that if you don't live close enough to school to walk or cycle, you could well have to make your own safe arrangements to get to St John's.

Thank you for completing the questionnaire. The results from it will help enormously and I will be in touch soon with further developments.

Yours faithfully

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