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4<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you were all able to find some time to rest and relax as best you can over the half term break.

I am sure you will appreciate that the government made some key decisions regarding the wider opening of schools during the holiday. I thought it was important to explain how these announcements will impact on our provision for students over the next half term.

I highlighted in my previous letter, that timescales could be subject to delay. On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020, the government announced that secondary schools would be asked to organise some *face to face contact* for students in y10 and y12, from the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020. We will therefore move our proposed start date for both y10 and y12 in-school provision to this new start date – **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020**. However, it is important to reinforce that this date is also subject to both government, as well as Local Authority approval.

The model we are now proposing has also been amended following the publication of further secondary school guidance. I have written to parents and carers of y10 and y12 to confirm our plans and the actions / measures that will be in place to ensure social distancing and hygiene protocols are established and understood.

As I have said in previous correspondence, I understand that this provision will not be something that all parents and carers will agree with in terms of timing, nor want their child to access for a variety of reasons. I have also confirmed that non-attendance will not be acted on.

I can confirm that there are currently no plans to widen the in-school provision to include year's 7,8 and 9 before the summer holidays. The remote learning timetable will continue to be the main source of support and structure for students learning in these year groups. Ms Prentice wrote to all parents and carers earlier in the week to provide some further information on our remote learning timetable and also to address some of the themes that had been raised through the parent / carer survey, we sent out before the break.

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Developments will include small group webinars in a range of different subjects, in addition to the larger year group webinars that have already been confirmed.

In addition to our curriculum provision, we have also been keen to emphasise the support that is available for students and families in terms of pastoral care, mental health and wellbeing.

As a first point of reference and support, individual year teams are available for advice and guidance. The Year team can be reached by using the following contact details.

Year 7	
Head of Year – Mr Riley	<a href="mailto:driley@hovepark.org.uk">driley@hovepark.org.uk</a>
Year 8	
Head of Year – Mr Frimpon	<a href="mailto:sfrimpon@hovepark.org.uk">sfrimpon@hovepark.org.uk</a>
Year 9	
Head of Year – Mr Agnihotri	<a href="mailto:sagnihotri@hovepark.org.uk">sagnihotri@hovepark.org.uk</a>

It is important to acknowledge that during this time young people's worries might present in different ways: excitable, angry, upset and this can all impact on their ability to engage with their learning. The well-being team is continuing to work with our students to support them at this time. The e-mail address below is for all pupils to use if they feel they would like to access this support: The Yourspace e-mail address is checked every day between members of the well-being team, but it is important to note that it is not monitored during the weekend and holidays.

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Young Minds is a National Organisation focused on supporting young people and their mental health:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/looking-after-yourself/coronavirus-and-mental-health/>

A reminder that you can also access the School Nurse Service if you have health-related concerns Parent/Carers can contact the Duty line (Monday to Friday 9-5) on: 01273 696011 ext :1692

- Texting service: 11-19 year olds for advice and support. Chat Health Number 07480 635423
- Parent/Carer texting service for advice and support. 07480 635423

We also have links and further information and resources on our own website that parents / carers and students can access. <http://www.hovepark.brighton-hove.sch.uk/covid-19>

Best wishes,

Jim Roberts, Head teacher

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