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Information about the wider opening of BFS for Y10

Dear parents / carers

The government's announcement about the wider opening of schools last week confirmed that secondary schools will be able to offer some face-to-face contact for Year 10 from **Monday 15th June**.

The government have asked schools to offer this face-to-face support to supplement the remote education for Y10 rather than replace it. The government's assessment, based on the latest scientific and medical advice, is that they need to continue to control the numbers attending school to reduce the risk of increasing transmission. As a result, schools are only able to have a limited number of pupils on-site at any one time. Therefore, it is anticipated that Y10 pupils will only attend school relatively infrequently and our remote learning offer will remain the predominant mode of education during this term for all our pupils.

In response to further guidance issued by the Department for Education, we are currently in the process of amending the provisional plans we developed before half-term. At the forefront of this planning is the commitment to prioritising the safety of all. Once our plans are finalised we will publish these to parents with full details about how the face-to-face support will operate at BFS. In the meantime, our dedicated teachers will continue to provide extensive work for pupils using our remote learning platforms.

As previously mentioned the government have issued some helpful guidance with advice for parents and carers on how to support the home learning of secondary school children (year 7 to 11). This can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-secondary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Keep safe and stay well.

Yours sincerely,

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