



**LEIGHTON PARK**  
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9<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

I write to follow up on my letter to all parents and guardians of the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, now that the Government advice has become available and we have had a chance to evaluate what is best for Year 10 and 12 students.

Firstly, I want to thank the very many of you who have offered your support to us on our approach and engagement with you and for your continuing positive feedback on our provision. It has been humbling for us all but very much appreciated.

In published guidance on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May we were encouraged by the Government to offer face-to-face contact by means of "additional support" rather than lessons. It was also stated that only one quarter of a school's Year 10 and Year 12 cohort could be present on site at any one time.

It is my firm belief that the LP With You Guided Distance Learning Programme is excellent and provides great learning, albeit not the way in which we would prefer to operate. Following the Government advice for Year 10 and 12 students it is stated that it is "a clear expectation that remote education will be the predominant form of education delivery for these year groups". The programme will be available for most of Year 10 or 12 but not all, dependent on the subjects which they take.

However, to do the best for our students and in the spirit of the Government's advice, we plan to offer a very limited option to both year groups to potentially attend some face-to-face sessions across five days. We understand that international students will not be able to attend, and we would like to reassure these families that their inability to attend will not disadvantage them. On offer will be some practical subjects, physical activities and some socialisation time. Our offering will necessarily be very constrained, but we want to offer what we can safely and practically.

To lessen the risks, detailed plans will be in place to ensure risks to personal safety are mitigated against and these will be explained to the students, for example how social distancing will be maintained and good hygiene established. No School transport to or from Leighton Park will be provided and parents should drop off students at the Shinfield Road/Grove car park. Students will need to bring their own packed lunches and water. No boarders will be accommodated. A register will be taken, but attendance is optional and a decision for each family. Karen Gracie-Langrick, Deputy Head, Academic studies, and Nicky Hardy, Deputy Head, Pastoral, will be writing to you shortly with the detailed arrangements. If you have any questions at that point, please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

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I cannot wait until we are all back together in September in as normal a manner as possible. We are making plans to ensure we are properly prepared and ready for that. I look forward to seeing you all on the Park early in the Autumn Term.

With my very best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew L S Judd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the name.

Matthew L S Judd  
Head