

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Reopening of school to pupils in Year 10

I hope that you and your family are well. Thank you for your continued support during this very difficult time.

You may have heard the Prime Minister's announcement on 24th May that schools will start to reopen to pupils in Year 10 from Monday 15th June, to enable them to have some 'face to face contact' with their teachers before the end of the academic year. Pupils will attend school in small groups and rigorous hygiene measures will be applied.

We are working hard to make arrangements in line with the Government's guidance so as to ensure that your child receives the support that they need at this critical point in their education, whilst also ensuring that the school is as safe as possible for pupils and staff. The safety and wellbeing of everyone in the Starbank School family is of paramount importance to me.

I will write to you again over the next fortnight to confirm the specific arrangements that we are making for reopening. In the meantime, please encourage your child to continue with their studies by attending online lessons, completing the work set by their teachers and by using the applications on the secondary home learning page.

Free school meals provision

All pupils who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals will continue to receive vouchers through the Government's Edenred scheme. The next free school meal vouchers will be issued for the four-week period from 1st June.

Please update us

School has remained open for the children of key workers, and for other specific children, during the period of lockdown.

If you are a key worker and require a place for your child/children (in any year group) to enable you to return to work, please contact Deputy Head Mr. Stuart Tonks at keyworker@starbank.bham.sch.uk so that arrangements can be made. Parents of pupils who are already attending school daily do not need to reapply.

Thank you once again for all the support that you give to your child, and for working with us. I am very proud of the way in which our Starbank Community has pulled together to look after each other during the pandemic.

Yours sincerely
Mr. G Ferrante
Secondary Headteacher