

22 May 2020

Dear Year 10 Parent / Carer

## South Dartmoor Community College Year 10 Provision for Summer Term 2020

Since 23 March, in line with the scientific advice, nurseries, schools and colleges have remained open only to a priority group of children and young people, children who have a parent who is a critical worker and vulnerable children. Due to your ongoing support of the school during this time, we have managed to provide essential care to ensure critical workers can continue to complete their jobs and help the nation to manage and control the spread of COVID-19. The guidance from the government has now changed and from the week commencing 1 June at the earliest, primary schools are being asked to welcome back children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6, alongside priority groups.

As a school we are looking closely at how we are able to offer some face-to-face support for year 10 and year 12 students who are due to take key exams next year, alongside priority groups, whilst ensuring the safety of our students and staff.

The re-opening of school for Year 10 students is unlikely to take place until the week beginning Monday 15 June at the earliest. Please note that a re-opening will not entail students returning to complete their normal lesson timetable, and any support in school will be on a significantly reduced timetable, with a member of staff who is unlikely to be their usual class teacher. Students will not be in their usual teaching groups in order to reduce contact with other students. There will be very limited food provision (packed lunch only) from the College canteen for the foreseeable future. Further details about social distancing at South Dartmoor will follow.

In order to allow us to start making plans about how best we can offer support for our Year 10 students, we would be grateful if you could indicate to us if you would not be sending your child to school should we reopen for year 10 students. We are aware that some students will need to continue to remain at home due to the risk to themselves or other members of their household contracting the disease. Current guidance is that should you wish to keep your child at home for the rest of this academic school year, no sanctions will be given for non-attendance. Distance learning will continue to be set by staff to aid study for all students.

If you do not plan to send your child back to school if we were to reopen to all year 10 students, please could you complete the online form by clicking the link below:

<https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Yeyemmb7BU6cR6U6z4zv4lOmb-fQnidlskfGUfm26DdUMkhYODIXSzfRUVRQS09UM0VNN1pEQIA5My4u>.

We would be grateful if you could complete the form as soon as possible but by 9am on Friday 29 May 2020 at the latest. This will help us to plan provision for students to ensure we can keep students and staff as safe as possible from COVID-19.

School will be open for students who have an education, health and care plan (EHCP) and it is determined, following risk assessment, that their needs can be as safely or more safely met at school. For more information regarding this please contact Rachel Mitchelmore in the SEN department [rmitchelmore@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:rmitchelmore@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,  
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