



Principal: Helen Corbett

Updates on face to face sessions for Year 10 and 12: Monday 29th June 2020 onwards

23 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really proud of our Year 12 and 10 students who have arrived nervously for their first sessions. It has clearly been a big step for them coming back into school and I would like to publicly thank them for their positivity and engagement. For the staff here at George Spencer Academy it has been an absolute pleasure to have students back on site. When we launched our Year 10 and Year 12 face to face offer we scheduled a review to take place on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Our review focused on ensuring we are in keeping with our 3 principles and to evaluate our offer:

Spencer Academies Trust Principles

1. Ensuring that we have taken every possible step to maximise safety procedures and minimise any health risks to students and staff.
2. Students have been assessed for their return, inducted to return procedures and given clear expectation of Health & Safety requirements on school site.
3. All staff have been given adequate time to prepare high quality and consistent care and learning for the following 3 groups of students:
 - Children of Key Workers, Blue Light Workers and Vulnerable children already attending school-based care.
 - Students in Year 10 and Year 12 that may return to school for learning.
 - Students not returning to school that need continuing home-based schooling and support.

Following on from the review we are in a position to continue to meet the 3 principles whilst increasing our face to face offer for both Year 10 and Year 12. Both year groups are now able to attend their face to face sessions on a weekly basis rather than fortnightly. For the increase in offer to run smoothly we have focused on minimising disruption to students' routines as much as possible. All systems and expectations remain the same, please find an overview below:

Updated Offer

Year 12: will continue to follow their face to face timetable and attend George Spencer Academy on the days previously indicated and at the same time. The change for Year 12 is that they will now attend every week.

Year 10: will continue to attend on their 'day' and arrive at the time given, showing their pocket card on arrival. Now that they will be attending weekly we will be offering:

Week beginning 29th June: 3 x 40-minute sessions for English, Maths and Science (same as w/b 22nd June)

Week beginning 6th July: 2 x hours of 'option 1'

Week beginning 13th July: 2 x hours of 'option 2'

Week beginning 20th July: 2 x hours of 'option 3'

We have timetabled it so Year 10 students will continue to attend on their 'day' every week. The only change will be the classroom they go to for their 'option' weeks. We will provide students with these details during the week beginning 29th June when they attend their session.

What measures are in place to ensure safety is maximised?

During our review we liaised directly with the Department for Education to ensure our planned developments were in line with the latest government guidance. It was agreed with them that our plans were “absolutely fine” because:

- Year 12 will continue to be based on lower site with the bridge out of use. Attending AM only.
- Year 10 will continue to be based on upper site with the bridge out of use. Attending PM only.
- The school will continue to have different entry and exit points for each year group.
- There will be daily cleaning and a deep clean every Wednesday.
- Students will not be rotated during their day in school. They will remain in one classroom.

Further information

We have over 80% of students attending face to face sessions. Conversations with the students confirm they are finding it valuable in supporting their remote learning and our desire to increase our offer comes from our values of supporting our students to be the best they can be.

If your child is not currently attending and you have decided you would now like them to start attending please contact Miss Jenkinson, Vice Principal, at the school and we will add them to the offer.

Kind regards.

Mrs H Corbett
Principal