

Monday 01 June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you had a good half term. I am writing to update you on a number of things, now the lockdown is beginning to be eased and schools are looking at partially reopening.

Pupils in Years 7,8 and 9

Unfortunately, as you know, pupils in **Years 7, 8 and 9 will not be returning to school** before September, at the earliest. Therefore, we will continue to provide the online daily learning for students, which they should complete each day. All this information can be found on our website, under the school closure link. This will continue until **Friday 17 July**, when the summer holidays will begin.

Pupils in Year 10

After guidance from the government and a careful risk assessment and planning, I can confirm that the school will reopen to pupils in Year 10 from **15 June**. More details will follow in a separate letter to parents with children in Year 10, early next week. Until 15 June, the online work provided will continue. We will also update those parents with children in Year 10 who cannot attend, due to shielding, with details of the online work package until the end of the academic year.

Free School Meals

As you may be aware, the Department of Education have been sending out vouchers each week to parents/carers of children who are eligible for free school meals, to be spent on food at the supermarket. However, we have now been advised that this will **stop the week ending 8 June** as schools are again responsible for providing food each week to children, eligible for free school meals, now they have reopened. We are in the process of organising this, but need to know if your child will require food parcels. There will be a form, sent separately, to fill in if you will require food parcels from 15 June.

Safeguarding

Your child's safety and well-being remains our priority throughout this difficult period. Our pastoral team have continued to work behind the scenes contacting families and liaising with external agencies to ensure the highest level of support at this testing time. If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing and wish to contact us, please use safeguarding@asap.org.uk.

If you're worried about a child or young person and believe they are at risk of harm, even if you're unsure, call 01752 668000 or email gateway@plymouth.gov.uk or outside of normal working hours call Plymouth Out of Hours Service on 01752 346984.

The Gateway service is made up of multi-agency professionals who can give you advice, information and support. You can also contact the [NSPCC](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) if you want to talk to someone about your concerns and get advice.

Kind regards,



Lee Sargeant
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