

## Todmorden High School

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Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Dear Parent or carer,

**As long as it is condoned by the Government and Local Authority Todmorden High School will re-open to offer staff contact and support to year 10 students as of Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June.**

Many of us are parents ourselves and many of us are carers, we know the decision to send your child to school from June 15<sup>th</sup> is a difficult one. I write to you now to outline our plans and to ask you to consider them - then please confirm if your child will return to us by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June. A nil return by this date will mean your child will not attend. Please click on the link below to complete the reply slip. The day and times for your child's session will have been sent via text.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=V6lP4C5ZDkWYwW09OkgaWP-rj2BA6YJAK34Vo5kwyb9UNUI3OEZSQ05MMDFHDTVXNIhJOFdRMjVNQy4u>

The safety of our students and staff is the most important thing to us. Therefore, we have put together detailed plans that minimise risk to students and staff. Students and parents will need to work with us and take responsibility for social distancing, hand washing and following the other government guidelines outside of school.

As advised by central government there will be a maximum of 25% of year 10 students in at any one time. These students will be housed in different parts of the building to the children of key workers and those that have already been attending school.

Year 10 students will attend for one half day a week, they will attend on the same day for the remaining five weeks-e.g. Mondays until we break up in the summer (So Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 13<sup>th</sup> July for example). Whilst in school they will be in groups (maximum 8 pupils) with the same member of staff- they will stay in the same group in the same room – these groups are referred to as 'bubbles' in government documents.

The bubbles will have staggered starts, finishes and break times, this is all to minimise mixing and contact. In the bubbles students will have personal pastoral support, they will be asked to talk about how they are doing, their wellbeing and workload, of course they can talk to the teacher about any concerns or worries they may have- they will be supported by the member of staff to complete the on line work set on ClassCharts and any Teams lessons that are running. The member of staff will also have ways to trigger support from subject specialists should your child need it.

To minimise extra risk and contact your child can bring their own break time snack and drink and lunch will not be served. Full school uniform or full school PE kit needs to be worn. Your child may bring and wear a face covering if they wish to do so. Your child must bring their own equipment so they do not share with other students. They can also bring in their own wired headphones if they wish, to use when completing

online lessons or watching videos staff have set. We encourage your child to walk or cycle to school following social distancing guidelines.

Should you choose for your child to attend, on arrival at school your child will be met by his or her bubble leader and taken to the classroom.

Thank you for considering the content of this letter. We have done our very best for what we think is right for the children and parents of Todmorden High School balancing their needs against government guidelines.

Yours sincerely



Gill Shirt  
Headteacher

