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Dear Parent/carer

I hope you and your families are well and safe and have felt supported by Todmorden High School throughout these difficult times. Todmorden High School would like to thank you for your support and understanding during these weeks while we have successfully finalised preparations for our provision to open to a wider proportion of students. Whilst we aim to adhere to a central government request to re-open more widely, we are determined to ensure the safest possible environment for all our pupils, staff and community.

All staff are currently attending a variety of online training sessions to ensure that safety measures and risk assessments are met, and our school community are fully supported to deliver face to face learning and support for our students. Our risk assessment procedures have gone through several quality assurance stages, including the senior leadership team, governors and the local authority. All stakeholders have scrutinised our systems and processes and all have provided positive feedback about the work that has been conducted and the measures that are now in place and readiness for our opening next week.

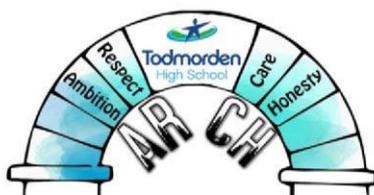
As a school, we would like both you and your child to read this letter carefully. Your child's return to school will signal your agreement to the content of this letter, if you have any concerns or queries please contact me on c.connolly@todhigh.co.uk

Todmorden High School would like to reinforce the need for effective social distancing outside and inside of Todmorden High School. Government guidance allows you to spend time outdoors with members of your own household and you can also meet in a gathering of up to six people you do not live with, provided you maintain social distancing and stay 2 metres apart.

Current advice from the government (that may change) but at the time of writing states that you are prohibited from;

- visiting friends and family inside their homes or spending time indoors with anyone you do not live with - subject to limited exceptions, for example, for work, providing emergency assistance or caring for the vulnerable;
- spending time outdoors, including for exercise, in groups greater than six people - subject to limited exceptions. You should continue to practice social distancing with anyone from outside your household, including while playing sport;
- staying overnight away from home - subject to limited exceptions, including for work, funerals or avoiding harm;
- inciting others to commit one of the above offences, for example by inviting people to a party;
- threaten others with infection by coronavirus, for example by coughing or spitting in their direction.

Further guidance is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing>



When your child returns to Todmorden High School on their allocated day and time, social distance measures will continue to be adhered to and 2m distance must be followed.

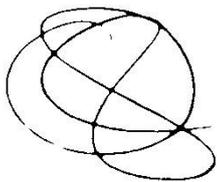
Students will be expected to;

- Uphold the core values of Ambition, Respect, Care and Honesty:
- Adhere to the social distance measures put in place by the school and the government:
- Wash hands regularly when instructed to do so by their teacher and or other member of staff:
- If travelling by public transport, wear a face covering as outlined by the government:
- Ensure equipment is used solely by themselves and not shared with other students in their bubble group:
- Always remain within their working space unless instructed otherwise:

If, as a school, we reasonably consider that a pupil (or a family member of the pupil) is not complying with the above guidance, we will withdraw his/her offer of a place at Todmorden High School during this period with immediate effect.

I hope you understand the need for these measures and further clarification so that the safety and welfare of our pupils, staff and community remains paramount.

Yours sincerely,



Claire Connolly

(Assistant Headteacher)

