



# HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you had a good half term break, including Bank Holiday and for those celebrating, an enjoyable Eid, albeit in unusual circumstances.

I write very briefly today to update you on the proposed wider opening of secondary schools. The ambition remains some face-to-face interaction for Years 10 and 12.

Guidance published from the Department for Education (DfE) during half term now indicates that this will be from 15 June at the earliest. Moreover, the guidance is that no more than 25% of Year 10 and 25% of Year 12 should be on site at any one time.

Whilst this would naturally lead us to consider some form of daily morning / afternoon rota, the guidance further outlines that we avoid split day rotas within the same day. So as to ensure that only a quarter of children are ever in the school on any one day, we cannot apply morning and afternoon rotas.

You will appreciate that compliance with these restrictions severely limits the range of contact that we can offer. Nevertheless, as we await yet further guidance, we are working on scenarios that best suit our circumstances and the needs of our students.

Again, I must stress that this is subject to change, due diligence and risk assessment. I appreciate that the uncertainty over wider reopening is frustrating.

I shall write to you again, once I have more concrete plans in place.

Thank you for your patience, support, and the many welcome messages that we have received.

Please look after yourself and your loved ones.

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