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Dear Parent/Carer

'Face to Face' sessions for year 7, 8 and 9

As you will know, last week and in line with government guidance the academy reopened for Yr10 and Yr12 students for face to face sessions to support the online learning currently being offered.

As an academy we feel it is important for all of our students to get the chance to come in to the Academy for face to face learning before we break up for the summer holidays and we are therefore delighted to be able to invite students from Year 7, 8 and 9 in to school over the next few weeks.

Due to government guidelines of only having a certain percentage of students in the building on any given day, we can only offer each student a 1 hour group tutorial with a member of staff before we break up. We strongly encourage students to attend this session, where they will have the chance to discuss their wellbeing, progress with distance learning and any concerns they might have; as well as some PSHE teaching.

Your child will be given a specific day and time that they will be expected to attend the academy for their face to face session. The area we have identified will hold 12 students and comply with the 2m safe distancing guidance we have been asked to adhere to. Handwashing facilities will be available in all classrooms and students will be directed to wash their hands on a regular basis whilst in the academy. The classroom and designated toilet area will be cleaned continuously throughout the day. As I have said on many occasions, we will at all times ensure the well-being and welfare of staff and students is prioritised. All of the plans we have devised meet the government guidance and reduce risk as much as we can on the academy site.

Students will be expected to wear school uniform when they arrive on their specified day but blazers will be optional.

As we are adhering to strict health safety guidelines in response to government advice, students will be expected to comply with all instructions, failure to do so will result in your child being sent home. When students leave the academy at the end of their specified session they are expected to follow government guidelines and not congregate on their journey home.

I fully appreciate these are worrying and challenging times for us all, the need to balance your child's education and their welfare has been carefully thought through.

If you would like your child to attend their 1 hour session, please contact the academy by phone 0121 329 4600 by **Wednesday 24th June** to advise us. We will then contact you with your child's specific day and time for their session.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Gelder
Principal
For and on behalf of Tove Learning Trust

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