

# CITY ACADEMY NORWICH

14 May 2020

## **Update as of Thursday 14 May 2020**

### **Re: possible reopening of school to more pupils in June**

Dear Parents & Carers,

This is my tenth letter to parents on the subject of the Coronavirus Covid-19. I hope you and your families had a restful bank holiday weekend.

Whilst giving a brief update I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for the ongoing patience and support of your children with their virtual learning. We continue to take on board feedback so please do take the time to complete our most recent survey, which can be accessed via this link: <https://forms.gle/b95u2fQPw37CeD2c8>

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday night (10<sup>th</sup> of May), stating that schools may partially reopen on the 1<sup>st</sup> June to year 10 pupils, **if** the government and schools think it's safe to do so. We are working on plans to provide our year 10 pupils with some face to face time with their teachers before the summer. This is unlikely to be on a full-time basis, but will allow pupils to get some face-to-face contact with teachers to support their home learning.

It's a very unsettling time for us all, but rest assured that we're going to be doing everything we can to make sure we're ready to receive these year groups, if it's safe for our school to reopen in the coming weeks.

We're creating a detailed action plan that we'll share with you as soon as possible so you know what the school's reopening will look like in practice. Precautions we'll be taking will include:

- Limiting class sizes
- Staggering, pick-up and drop-off times
- Further increasing our ongoing deep cleaning of the school
- Keeping pupils and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home
- Testing temperatures on arrival of all students, staff and visitors, and sanitizing hands

*(This is not a final list of precautions and will be updated and based on the scientific advice shared to us by the government)*

If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning. If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school. Please refer to [government guidance](#) for further details of these groups.

I want to reassure you that we're not going to be pressuring any pupil to come into school. We'll keep you updated with all our preparations for making sure the school is as safe as possible, so you and your child can make an informed decision about whether to come in.

In the meantime, the school is still open **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. We know some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but we're not in a position right now to extend places to other pupils until we receive further government guidance.

On a lighter note we know that constant learning in front of a computer screen can be tough for anyone. To support with this, tomorrow all day at CAN we would like our students, with your support as parents and carers to select at least two or more of the following activities below. Students can then take pictures of their work or experiences and share them with their form tutors in their google classrooms on Monday. (These pictures shouldn't include any people's faces please, simply work or activities that have been completed). We are calling this our CAN 'Stop Day'.

Everyone needs to simply stop and relax for a bit in this difficult and challenging time, this will help us re-energise, re-engage and connect with one another and be refreshed for our learning on Monday again.

The five CAN 'stop day' activities to choose from are: **(please complete at least 2)**

1) Try and walk as many steps as you CAN. Share your total steps in your form tutor's google classroom and we will add up across the school to see how far around the world '#WE CAN WALK' in a day. (Social distancing rules apply)

2) do some cooking / baking

3) explore the outside (with appropriate government guidelines in place) and take a picture of something you see that you haven't seen for a while since lockdown started.

4) do something you enjoy \ hobbies and share it with us.

5) relax and socialise with your family \ carers.

Tomorrow Friday 15th the google classrooms work will not be set by teachers. We will return to the normal timetable and learning on Monday the 18th.

We look forward to seeing your pictures and hope you enjoy your stop day! If you have any questions, please contact [office@cityacademynorwich.org](mailto:office@cityacademynorwich.org)

Thank you for your continued support. There continue to be uncertain times and I do hope you are still taking care and staying safe.

Yours sincerely



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