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Dear Parents

### **Wider opening of the school to Grammar Pupils**

We are writing to you to inform you of the school's plans to welcome Grammar pupils back into school following the Government's decision to request schools to provide some face-to-face contact with pupils in Grammar [Year 10] to support their online learning.

We would like to clarify at this point that the online learning will remain the predominant mode of education for the remainder of this term

Current Government guidance is that we can have at most 25% of the Year Group in school on any one day and that as much as is possible we should keep groups of pupils separate from one another.

The Governors agreed last night that the school will offer face-to-face support to one year group from Monday 15 June 2020 and to a second year group from Monday 22 June.

### **This support will start for pupils in Grammar from the 22 June 2020.**

Pupils in Grammar will be invited into school for one day a week starting from 22 June 2020. On that day your son will be allocated to a set group of pupils [A 'bubble'] and they will have four lessons in the core subjects in that group. Each group will remain in the same classroom for the four lessons. This is to reduce the contact pupils have with others during the day. Desks will be at least 2m apart.

We will send out specific details of these arrangements next week.

We are aware that many pupils and parents will be anxious about this return to school and we would like to assure you that the school has undertaken a thorough risk assessment and put significant measures in place, in line with Government guidance, to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus in school. We have attached a copy of the risk assessment with this letter and we ask that you read through it. If



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there is anything that you feel we have not addressed then please email the details to Mr Laing.

The risk assessment will be constantly reviewed in light of any new Government guidance that we receive and the ongoing changes to the Covid-19 lockdown both nationally and locally.

The Government has clearly stated that, at this point in time, parents can choose not to send their children to school. To assist in our final planning, we need to know whether your son will be returning to school from the 22 June 2020.

We are therefore asking that you provide us with the following information by Tuesday 9 June:

1. *Son's name:*
  2. *Son's Tutor Group:*
  3. *My son will /will not be returning to school from 22 June 2020 [Delete as appropriate]*
  4. *Whether your son is identified as 'clinically extremely vulnerable'*
  5. *Whether a member of your household is identified as 'clinically extremely vulnerable'.*
  6. *Whether your son is identified as 'clinically vulnerable'*
- [If you answer yes to any of 4,5, or 6 we will call you to discuss your son's return to school and whether it will be appropriate for him to do so.]*
7. *I would like the school to be aware of the following information in order to support my son when he returns to school:*
  8. *Please add any information that you feel will help the school support your son's return to school*

**Please email the details to Mrs O'Grady, Higher Line PSA,  
[higherlinepsa@wimbledoncollege.org.uk], by the end of Tuesday 9 June 2020**

The purpose of number 8 above is that we realise that many of our families will have faced significant challenges during Lockdown and indeed continue to face these challenges. These may include the death of family members and friends, parents' loss of employment, physical or mental health issues, due to Lockdown, and other matters that have affected your son. In order to support your son's return to school it would be helpful if we are aware of any such information. We do understand that you may not wish to share that information with the school.



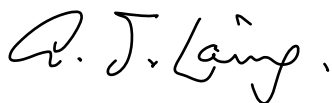
We are aware of the issues around the use of public transport at this time. We therefore encourage your son to find alternative ways of travelling to school including walking or cycling. We do understand that some boys will have to use public transport and as a result your son will not be expected to be in school before 9.30am and the day will finish at 1.45pm so that he can avoid the peak travel periods.

We do not expect boys to wear school uniform when they are in school and they will be expected to bring a packed lunch to school. A packed lunch will be provided for those pupils who receive free school meals.


More specific details concerning arrangements and the expectations of those coming to school will be sent out next week.

As always, if you have any questions relating to the opening of school to Grammar pupils please do not hesitate to email Mr Laing

Yours sincerely



Adrian Laing  
Head Master



Michael Murphy  
Chair of Governors

