



5th May 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Return to school information

As you are no doubt aware, the premier announced that state school students in Year 11 and 12 were welcome to return to school as of Monday May 11th 2020, with a review on May 15th and the plan for all other year groups to return on Monday May 25th.

After consultation with our principal this morning, we agreed that our best solution at Southport Flexible Learning Centre would be to invite all of our senior groups back to school as of May 11th, with the hope that our junior groups can return on May 25th. Your young person will know whether they are juniors or seniors, but to clarify, the young people welcome to attend on Monday will be in the Green or Blue group or in the Senior Yellow group.

This does not affect the young people who have been attending as children of essential workers or as identified vulnerable children. They will still be welcome to attend as they have been doing.

If you still have concerns around your young person attending school due to COVID-19 concerns, you are still welcome to continue the online learning options we have available. They will still need to communicate with staff every day and complete tasks at home. We will continue to support them as we have been doing. Just to be clear though, we will insist that you are consistent with your decision. As we need to plan staffing around online and onsite learning requirements, young people will not be able to stay home for a few days a week because they are worried about COVID-19 but then turn up to socialise on the other days. Young people who have advised us they intend to continue learning from home will be sent back home if they appear onsite without prior advice from a parent. If you decided to send your young person back, the expectation is that they intend to attend full-time moving forwards unless we are advised otherwise by the government. As you can imagine, this is a stressful time for staff and for some of the other young people, so everyone attending will be required to abide by hygiene rules such as sanitising hands on entering and exiting classrooms as well as disinfecting desks and doorknobs at every break.

Thank you in advance for your support and communication around this, and we all look forward to being able to get back to normal as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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(Head of Campus)