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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are becoming accustomed to advice changing rapidly in the current situation so, although I only wrote to you last week outlining our plans for Key Stage 3 students, as promised we have been monitoring announcements from the DFE and I am pleased that the government has moved in the right direction and their latest guidance says:

*"We know that secondary schools are keen to invite pupils in other year groups in for a face-to-face meeting before the end of this term, where it would be beneficial. As long as this happens in line with this and wider protective measures guidance, and guidance on the numbers of pupils permitted on-site at any one time, we would encourage this where possible. This time can be used to check-in on pupils, and ensure they are supported before a return to school from September"*

Therefore, we have put in place plans for all students in years 7, 8 and 9 to have a 1:1 session in school (where possible) with their tutor. These have been happening with Year 10 this week and not only has it been lovely to see students in school again but the feedback has been very positive. The purpose of these sessions is to:

- Provide students with reassurance and enquire about their wellbeing
- Address any concerns or anxieties they may have about coming back to school
- Discuss any barriers/struggles they have faced with the work
- Praise them where they have been working well
- Build on the tutor meetings that have already taken place/will continue to take place

Each student will leave with an action plan to help them focus on what they can do to move forward – this might mean re-engaging with work again, building on what they have already done, focusing on their wellbeing etc – the main themes will be established during the session and they will have a very simple proforma to complete. A member of the student support team will be in school should staff feel any student requires further support.

The sessions will take place on the last 3 Mondays of term to avoid the days when Year 10 are in school; students will receive their invitation via Show My Homework, which will include timings and details on location and door to use. Students should attend in uniform; school will look different to when they were last in with a one way system and 2m markings, and hopefully one of the benefits of attending will simply be to familiarise students with the new layout.

We have planned the operation of the sessions carefully in line with a detailed Risk Assessment to ensure the safety of staff and students. If your child will not be coming for any reason please tell us via [info@tpstrust.co.uk](mailto:info@tpstrust.co.uk) along with the reason as we need this information for registration purposes.

I look forward to seeing students in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

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