

15th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the eighth week of these uncertain times, I hope that you and your family are continuing to stay safe and well.

This week has been a challenging week for schools on many fronts and in particular regarding the gradual wider opening of Primary Schools from June 1st with further information for secondary schools further away. There has been such a huge degree of ambiguity through the many announcements we have received, I felt compelled to write to you all to give some degree of certainty for the coming weeks.

From 1st June, The Chalfonts Community College **will not** be opening more widely for students in any year group. We will continue with the current supportive in-school provision for the children of key workers and other priority students.

Along with our Governing Body, the senior team and I are looking carefully at plans for a gradual wider opening of the school, **but this will only happen** when it is considered practical and safe to do so. We will continue to follow all advice given by the Government. Student and staff welfare is my main concern.

It has been mentioned that students who are sitting exams in the summer series of 2021 would be the first students that should be looked at for gradual reintegration. However, this in itself produces a multitude of issues in maintaining safe social distancing. At the end of next week, we will be surveying our Year 10 students in the first instance about their self-analysis and needs, which will allow us to move towards further on-line learning, on-line meetings and potential academic reviews so that they are 'September-ready'.

I must also add that whilst we navigate our way through this turbulence, every school will have a different context and have different challenges in moving forward and it may well be that other schools adopt different approaches to The Chalfonts Community College during the last weeks of the academic year. I understand that with having children in multiple schools will provide its own challenges, but the decisions that are made, will be entirely based around our school, our students and our staff.

I have no doubt that further guidelines and expectations will be given in the coming days and weeks and should there be any updates that are relevant to us, I will write to outline our future plans in how we are moving forward – together.

Please look after yourselves and continue to follow the rules!

Yours sincerely,



Mr R Denial
Principal



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