



Longley Park  
SIXTH FORM

## Update from your Principal, Mo Nisbet.



Hi everyone,

I contacted you before Half Term to explain that we would be increasing the amount of lessons in Sixth Form from Tuesday 10th November.

You will be aware that the Government announced a second national Lockdown starting today, which means that there are more restrictions on what we can do. The most significant change is that it is no longer possible to meet up with anyone from another household indoors, and it is only possible to meet with one person from another household outside. You can find the updated guidance here:

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november?utm\\_source=4%20November%202020%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november?utm_source=4%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

Unlike the first Lockdown the Government are very clear that they want schools, colleges and universities to remain open. There are recommendations that schools and colleges should follow which can be found here:

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020?utm\\_source=4%20November%202020%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020?utm_source=4%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

Since the start of term we have had **social distancing** and **hygiene measures** in place to make sure that the Sixth Form is safe for students and staff. We have been very careful to keep the number of people in the building as low as possible while still making sure that lessons can take place.

We are still planning to increase the amount of lessons that take place in Sixth Form from **next Tuesday**. We believe it is important to do this because students are telling us that they would prefer to have more face to face lessons.

In order to increase the amount of lessons in the Sixth Form **safely**:

- We will make sure that the number of people in the building at any time is well below 50% of total numbers.
- We will make sure that larger classes are taught in rooms which are big enough to ensure social distancing.
- We will avoid big gaps between lessons.
- We will ask people to leave the Sixth Form when they have finished lessons for the day.
- Students will be able to book time in the Independent Learning Centre to access IT, but slots should only be booked on days when you are already in the Sixth Form for lessons.

The social distancing and hygiene measures that we have in place will remain, and it will be even more important that we all follow these. This includes:

- Washing/sanitising hands on entering the building and regularly throughout the day
- Wearing face coverings around the building except when in lessons or eating/drinking in the cafe
- Giving other people space. **I know it is hard, but we need to protect the people we care about by keeping 2 meters apart wherever possible and not hugging or shaking hands.**

Because of the new national guidelines it is also really important that you take extra care when travelling to/from Sixth Form. **Make sure you wear a face covering and avoid gathering in groups as you may be challenged about social distancing.**

We are in the process of updating timetables. Please **check Cedar**, which will show you which of your Remote Learning lessons will now be in the Sixth Form. As we can't make all the changes at once, please make sure you check regularly in case times or rooms change. **Remember, the new timetable will start on Tuesday 10th November.**

I am really proud of how well Longley Park students have coped with the challenges this year. Let's keep working together to keep the Sixth Form safe!