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Dear Blatch families,

Thank you for the continued support of all our families, we very much appreciate your patience and understanding whilst we navigate the ongoing challenges we're facing as we work to bring all our students back to our school site.

We were very pleased to welcome our Year 10 students this morning, who have settled well into their new routines and lessons. We look forward to welcoming our Year 7 students tomorrow (a reminder that Year 10 start at 9.45am tomorrow).

As I said yesterday we are continuing to work on contingency plans to be able to bring Year 8 and 9 into school, on a rotation, if we are not able to have everyone on site at the start of next week. We will update you with any more information as soon as we're able to but please be reassured that we're working with the local authority to reopen more of our site as soon as we're able to do so safely.

Update on entrances to use

From tomorrow morning students who are coming onto the school site will be able to use any of our three entrances. Frant Road will now be open from 8.35am so that students are able to enter via the gate on the right (which is usually used for vehicle access).

A reminder that students should be arriving at school no earlier than 10 minutes before they are due on site.

Information on internet monitoring from our Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mr Evans

As this period of home learning continues I wanted to write to you to give some clarity around student chromebooks and the school's filtering system. The system we have here at school monitors the websites students access, this is



done via the school network not the chromebook itself.

This means that when students are working at home, your home wifi settings will have an impact on the content that can be viewed. Whilst any inappropriate content will trigger an alert here on our monitoring system and it will filter and block many inappropriate sites, the ever changing nature of the internet means that no filtering system is 100% effective.

One way to improve the content filtering whilst working at home is to adjust the parental controls settings of your home wifi.

If you do not currently have any parental controls on your home wifi, we advise that these are added to ensure your child is only able to view content you deem acceptable. The NSPCC has a guide on these issues which you can read [here](#). The website “Internet Matters.org” also has guides to show you how to set up parental controls for your broadband provider and this guidance can be found [here](#).

I hope you find this useful if you are wanting to add a layer of protection to your child’s internet access.

Please do contact your child’s tutor, year team or teachers if you have any concerns or need support with anything.

Best wishes,

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