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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, schools are undergoing a phased return starting 1 June 2020 with children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 6 attending alongside priority groups.

English secondary schools have been asked to provide face to face contact to support and supplement the remote education of year 10 students, as they are due to sit their exams next year.

Southchurch High School is looking forward to all of our students returning, but for most it may not be until September 2020, as schools are following the directives of the government.

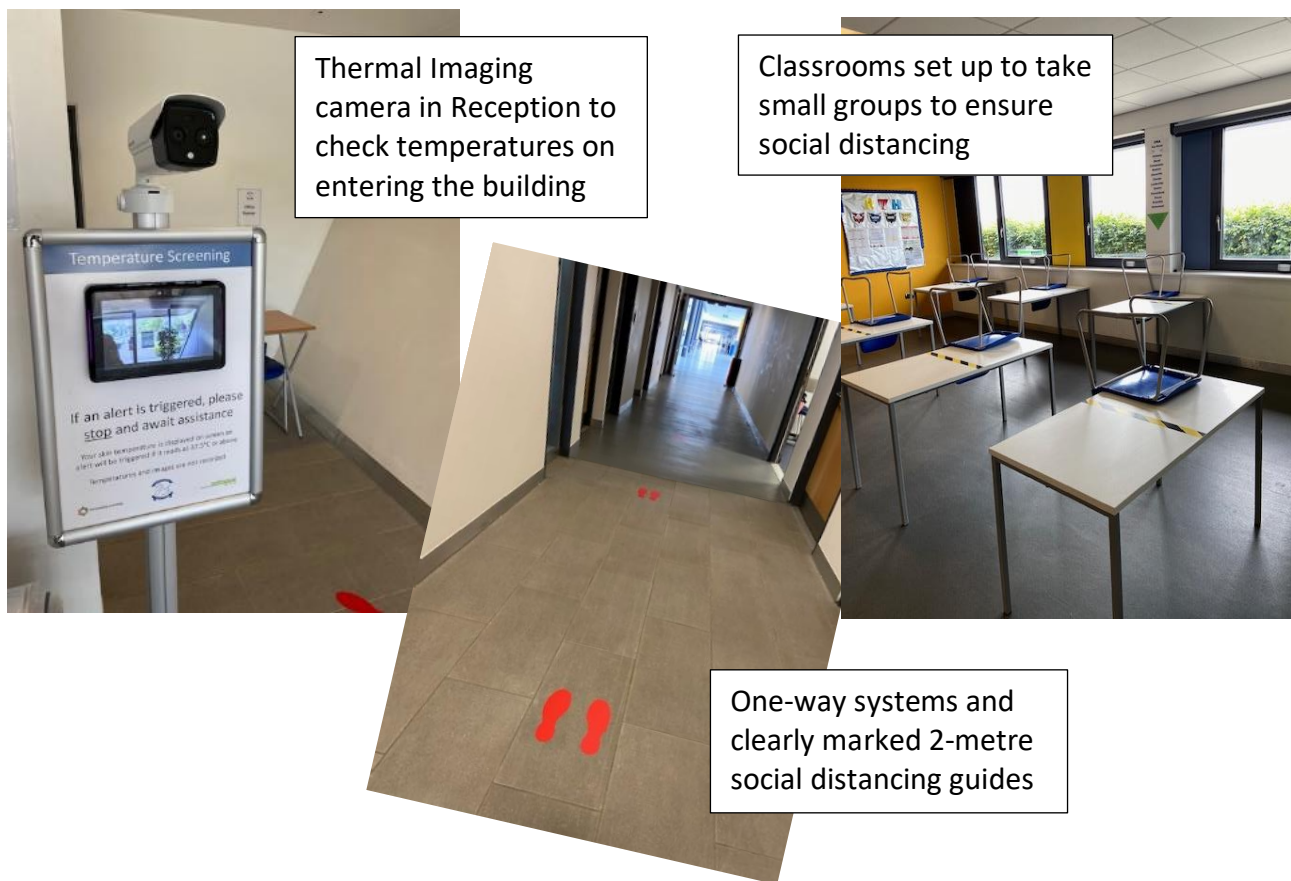
Year 10 students, however, have the opportunity to receive support in school from 15 June 2020.

**You will be contacted by the pastoral team over the next week to confirm whether you wish your son or daughter to attend during that week.**

As with many parents across the country you may have concerns about your son or daughter returning to school at this time.

Following are many of the precautions Southchurch High School has undertaken to reduce the risk to its students and staff:

- A maximum of 25% of year 10 students will be in school at any one time, to ensure that we can all safely practice social distancing
- Students who cannot follow social distancing will be sent home for the safety of all
- Outside Reception will be hand-washing facilities that must be used for 20 seconds before entering the building
- All staff and students must enter the school via Reception where they will pass a thermal imaging camera that takes their temperature and triggers an alarm if too high [see picture below]
- Around the school a one way system is in place that must be followed at all times to ensure social distancing
- Classrooms are set up to ensure social distancing can be carried out
- Students will attend school for a 90 minute session then return home, and repeated throughout the week
- Students will be provided with basic equipment to be used and left in school
- Students will be provided with packs of work to take away and work upon
- Social distancing protocols must be followed by all when using toilets
- Rooms and shared facilities will be cleaned by the school site team after use and a weekly deep clean will take place



Thermal Imaging camera in Reception to check temperatures on entering the building

Classrooms set up to take small groups to ensure social distancing

One-way systems and clearly marked 2-metre social distancing guides

As parents, please ensure that your son or daughter attends school on time, in clean uniform or school PE kit (if the weather is hot) to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Additionally, please ensure that you have provided the school with a current, active contact number in case the school needs to contact you in case symptoms are displayed by your son, daughter or any other class member whilst they are in school.

Southchurch High School has remained open throughout the lockdown, a period of 11 weeks; during this time we have effectively operated our social distancing protocols.

Encourage and remind your son or daughter that they must not congregate in groups of more than 6 to and from school, and to exercise social distancing at all times. If possible, please ensure your son or daughter avoids using public transport, even if it means leaving home earlier. If they have to use public transport they **must** wear a face covering.

Students have worked hard at home, but I am aware that so many are missing the direct contact and support of their teachers from the school. This will provide your son or daughter with the opportunity to safely meet their peers and teachers once more. **A personalised schedule will be sent to your son or daughter, if they choose to partake, before the week begins.**

I, and the rest of the staff at Southchurch High School, look forward to reuniting with year 10, (whilst safely socially distancing).

Yours faithfully

Stuart Reynolds  
Headteacher