

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday, the Department for Education published revised guidance on Monday evening outlining a 'route map' for the gradual and phased re-opening of schools for more groups of students.

I know that everyone in our school community – pupils, parents, teachers and governors – are eager to see us return to a full and normal pattern of school provision as soon as possible. We are determined to make this happen but must remain mindful of the self-evident challenges that are particular to school environments.

Attached to this letter, for those parents who wish to read more, is a comment article from the British Journal of Child Health.

We need to develop any new model of provision in a way that maximises the effectiveness of our teaching, sustains pastoral care for the well-being of students, is achievable within existing staff resources, and – most importantly - safeguards health and well-being of all involved.

We are planning how best we can achieve this. As you can imagine, there are many aspects and details to consider. We will contact all parents before half-term with arrangements that will be introduced from 1st June. *We envisage that there will be no immediate change to the provision of remote learning for Years 7 to 9, who will continue to remain at home. We hope to provide a more developed on-site offer for small groups in Years 10 and 12, alongside their sustained involvement in home study.*

We are sure you share our determination to open again as fully as we can, whilst at the same time guarding the safety and well-being of our students and staff. In the meantime, thank you for your continuing help, support and encouragement.

Robin M. Bevan  
Headteacher

