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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Weekly update: 12<sup>th</sup> June**

As always, I hope my weekly letter finds you safe and well.

**College re-opening**

As you are aware, college re-opens from the 15<sup>th</sup> June to students in years 10 and 12. We have texted, emailed, or 'phoned parents and carers who have told us they want their children to return to college, and a letter went in the post earlier this week. If you are expecting your child to return to college from Monday, and you have not heard from us, then please contact [admin@nortoncollege.net](mailto:admin@nortoncollege.net). Some year 10 students return this Monday, and others the following Monday. Year 12 students will be in college on Fridays.

You can find more information here:

<https://www.nortoncollege.net/returninginyear10>

<https://www.nortoncollege.net/page/?title=Year+12+Students+Returning+from+June+15th&pid=87>

**Critical worker children/vulnerable children**

College continues to open to the children of critical workers and to vulnerable students. If you think your child falls into one of these categories, and you want to book a place in college for them, please contact [admin@nortoncollege.net](mailto:admin@nortoncollege.net). If you want more information about the definitions of critical workers or vulnerable children, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

**Remote learning**

Even though the college is re-opening to some students, remote learning remains the predominant mode of education for all students, even those returning to the building. Staff will therefore continue to set work and to provide feedback through Microsoft Teams. It is important that students do their very best to complete this work, so they are ready to continue their face to face learning once college re-opens fully to all students in due course. Please continue to talk to your children about their remote learning, and support them in making sure work is completed. The college really appreciates everything you are doing to support learning.



### **Safeguarding**

I want to take this opportunity to remind parents, carers and students that there is a dedicated email address that students can use if they have any well-being concerns. Students can use this if they want to arrange to talk to a member of staff if they are returning to college from next week. The email address is [wellbeing@nortoncollege.net](mailto:wellbeing@nortoncollege.net) . It will not be checked outside school hours.

If you have any other safeguarding concerns, I remind you that you can find resources here: <https://www.nortoncollege.net/safeguarding>

### **Refunds**

The Finance department is now able to release all refunds relating to pre-paid school meals and transport balances. We will process any refunds for Year 13 students automatically; if you have other siblings, staying with us in 2020/21, and wish the balance to be transferred to them, please contact us. For other year groups we will process the refunds on a request basis; again, please contact us to make this request. If you have already done so we are aware of your preferences and you will receive your refunds very soon. In all scenarios please make requests for refunds via [admin@nortoncollege.net](mailto:admin@nortoncollege.net) .

### **Mount Etna Trip**

We have now formally cancelled this trip with the operator and are awaiting the monies to be returned to us by our insurance provider. Once this is with us we will make all refunds. Our insurance company is now liaising with the tour operator and will advise us on the options that exist. Once we know what these are, we will provide an update.

### **National Voucher Scheme**

We continue to process claims, on your behalf, for those entitled to Free School Meals via the Edenred portal. Our understanding is that this will continue for students in years 11 and 13 until the end of the Summer term even though they would not have been expected in college under normal circumstances. It is also our understanding that the scheme will not run throughout the Summer holidays so at the moment the last week you will receive vouchers will be the week commencing 13th July 2020.

Stay safe,

Dr S R Carson  
Head teacher