



# Atlantic Academy Portland

an Aspirations Academy

Miss Heppell - Principal of Primary  
Mrs Bishop - Principal of Secondary

Maritime House  
Southwell Business Park  
Portland, Dorset. DT5 2NA

Tel: 01305 820262  
Email: [Office@atlantic-aspirations.org](mailto:Office@atlantic-aspirations.org)

[www.atlantic-aspirations.org](http://www.atlantic-aspirations.org)

May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and all your family are remaining safe and well. You may have heard the latest update from the Government of how and when schools are going to reopen and to which year groups this will apply. There has also been guidance released to parents regarding schools opening. [You can read this guidance here.](#)

The main target of the Government is that, sometime from 1 June, primary schools will reopen for students in Year 6 and some younger students. It has also been suggested that secondary schools should begin to prepare to provide some limited face to face contact in order to supplement the distance learning for those students who are due to be taking public examinations next summer. For us that would be the students who are currently in **Year 10**.

Unfortunately, as has been the case throughout this crisis, the information and the details around the practicality of providing this are few and far between and, as schools, we are being left to try and interpret this within our own settings. Although I wish for nothing more than for us to be able to return to providing a normal education, my main concern is that any provision must be as **safe as possible for students, staff and families**. Over the next week I will be considering how Atlantic can provide this face to face time while maintaining the protection measures expected of us during the current pandemic. Until I am confident that we can do this, **work will continue to be provided remotely for all year groups** and I would encourage all students to maintain contact with their teachers as they will provide whatever support they can under the circumstances.

It would also appear, but not confirmed, that we are very unlikely to see the students of Years **7, 8 & 9** before the end of the summer term. Therefore, with the unlikely return of these year groups, we will continue to maintain an online educational experience while safeguarding their wellbeing.

Please can I ask for your continued patience as I consider all the implications of the new guidelines for Atlantic. It is an ever evolving situation and I will inform you of our plans as soon as possible. I would like to reassure you that we will continue to provide the best possible education for your children while operating under the current restrictions.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bishop  
Principal - Atlantic Academy Secondary