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Dear Parents/Carers,

Recent DfE guidance has allowed schools and colleges to consider inviting more students into school before the end of term. The most recent guidance states:

'We have updated our guidance on secondary school provision to reflect the fact that, in addition to secondary schools welcoming year 10 and year 12 pupils for some face-to-face support, where possible, schools may invite pupils in other year groups in for a meeting before the end of this term, where it would be beneficial'.

We are receiving updates from the DfE on a daily basis, but as always, our priority is the health, safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and families. Therefore, we are working hard to formulate plans to ensure that the government's guidelines can be implemented, without causing undue concern to our communities. Therefore, if you have a child in year 9 you will be receiving a separate email containing a link to a survey about provision for Y9 commencing from Monday 6th July. We ask you to complete this by Wednesday 24th June.

Following the results of this survey we will then be in a position to plan effectively what any potential provision may look like for year 9 which we will communicate with you fully. However, this provision will not be full time education. We will only be providing some face to face tuition. Strict social distancing rules will be applied to everyone attending the school site. Students will not be allowed to interact with others outside of their classroom. This could be with as little as 4 others, remaining in the same classroom for all lessons. Social times will be staggered and although food will be available, there will be no socialising in the refectory or public spaces. We will also inform you of the additional procedures we will be putting in place to minimise any potential risk to students, staff and families.

Along with this proposed face to face contact for year 9, we will continue to provide face to face contact for years 10 and 12 and supervision for children of critical workers and those considered vulnerable, as well as providing home learning to all students. We will also continue to provide a free school meal parcel service.

We are also finalising our plans to provide a face to face meeting for Y7 and Y8 students before the end of term. This will be based around the full report parents will receive in due course and provide an update on student progress made since we entered lockdown, whilst also looking ahead to the next academic year.

You, and our students will have many questions and we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. We hope that our communication with you over the next two weeks should

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answer any questions you have, but as always, please let us know if you have any urgent concerns, via office@tavistockcollege.org

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Philip Ruse', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Philip Ruse
Assistant Principal

