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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that you and your families are continuing to remain safe and well.

As you will no doubt be aware, early last week the Government published guidance about plans to welcome more students back to school after half term. As part of the plan, it was announced that secondary schools could potentially start to reopen prioritising Year 10 and 12. More specifically, we have been asked to offer some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of Year 10 and Year 12 students. Therefore, as of **Monday 8th June** we will be providing a programme of lessons to support these year groups on a part-time basis. Year 10 students will be expected in school every day, for the morning only, at a set arrival time and Year 12 students will join us in the afternoons according to a pre-published timetable. This will enable every student in years 10 and 12 to have at least one hour of face to face contact per subject per week, delivered by a subject specialist.

In all of this, please be assured that the well-being of our students, your families and our staff are – and will remain – our primary concern. To this end we are working extremely hard to reorganise the school, including establishing one-way systems, marking corridors to ensure social distancing, setting up large spaces as temporary classrooms to allow group sizes of up to 15 students with 2 metre separation between each work station and many more precautionary measures. The school will be contacting you tomorrow to explain the provision in a little more detail and to confirm your young person's attendance.

Whilst we continue our detailed and careful preparations for reopening to Year 10 and 12 students we must be mindful of a number of parameters that are beyond our control. These parameters may affect our own school's plans at short notice. The Government themselves have stated that they will only proceed to reopen schools if certain conditions are met (e.g. concerning health data and the current "R" value); we expect them to make that decision on May 28th. We also anticipate further guidance this week from the Department for Education (DfE) specifically relating to secondary schools as well as support from the Trust.

We appreciate you may have lots of questions and detailed guidance for parents (published by the DfE) can be found via this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

From the 1st June, arrangements remain the same as in previous weeks and school continues to be closed except for children of key workers and vulnerable children who have requested the provision from school. We will continue to provide home learning for all other students.

May I offer my sincere thanks to all our staff who have been working hard during this time and to our parents/ carers who have supported our students with their learning. It is very much appreciated.

For those within our community experiencing any illness at this time, you remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Yours faithfully

Mr Shenton
Headteacher