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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Update on Possible Reopening of School

We hope that you all remain well during this difficult time.

Following Sunday evening’s announcement by The Prime Minister, schools are beginning to plan for the possibility that they may need to accommodate additional pupils in a phased return from the 1 June or later depending on future government guidance. The Prime Minister stated, “the government’s ambition is that secondary pupils facing exams next year will get at least some time with their teachers before the holidays”. This applies to students currently in Years 10 and 12. There are no set dates for this as it will be entirely dependent on the Reproduction Rate of the virus in the coming weeks.

The government has published specific information for parents and carers to explain why and how they have reached these decisions [https://www.gov.uk/](https://www.gov.uk/)

So, what does this announcement mean for students and parents/carers?

1) In Years 7 – 11, children of key workers and those who are vulnerable can continue to attend school as they currently do.

2) In Years 7 – 9, other than children of key workers and those who are vulnerable, it is unlikely that students in these year groups will be returning to school before September.

3) For students in Years 10 and 12, we are following government guidance and are looking into safety measures that we will need to put in place to enable your child and staff to have some time in school before the end of the academic year. At this early stage we are unable to indicate when in June or July this will be but we will continue to update you as soon as we have further information.

We would like to thank all our parents/carers for your support and co-operation during this very difficult time. Staff will continue to set work online using Showmyhomework.

Yours sincerely

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