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Tuesday, 12 May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure after the recent announcements by the Prime Minister and the release of the document 'Our Plan to Rebuild' yesterday, there are lots of questions and concerns you have about children returning to school. As a school, we also have lots of questions and concerns about how to open in a way that ensures that we can protect the health and safety of our pupils and staff.

We received guidance from the government last night to support us to start the phased reopening of the school so that we can have some form of face to face contact with Year 10 and 12 students at some stage after half-term and are seeking further clarification regarding these proposals. There is some confusion as to what has been publicly said by ministers and what is contained in the guidance in relation to these year groups. It looks likely that Years 7, 8 and 9 will not be returning until September at the earliest, but again we are seeking clarification on this.

As these measures were only announced on Sunday and we only received the guidance yesterday evening, we need to consider carefully how we can adapt our school settings to ensure that children and staff can return safely. We will be in touch with you in due course to communicate our plans with you. The government have also issued specific advice and guidance for parents and carers and this can be found [here](#).

Please be assured, however, that we will only re-open our school if we can secure the health and safety of all children and staff.

Currently, for all schools in England, there is no change to the current guidance until 1<sup>st</sup> June at the earliest. The school will continue to provide childcare for the children of parents who are keyworkers, children with an EHCP and 'vulnerable' children. The school will also continue to provide work online for all other children as well as keeping in touch with all our families as we have been for the last 7 weeks.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher