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Dear Parents and Carers

**RE: COVID-19 Update 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020 - Continuing to Learn from Home & Access for Year 10 and Year 12**

As you are aware, the government has announced that it hopes to allow Year 10 (and Year 12 in schools with sixth form provision) students to receive some element of face-to-face time with teachers after the half term break. This may begin as early as the week of 1st June and provides a potential opportunity to start to bring students back to school in a safe and controlled manner which minimises the risk both to them, their families and to staff.

Unfortunately, there is currently no further update as to when any other secondary year groups will be able to return.

Before the school reopens to any students, we will make sure that we are fully prepared and can meet the hygiene and social distancing requirements that the government's scientists will expect of us.

I would like to thank everyone – staff, parents and students – for the ways in which our school community has responded to the situation so far and has ensured that students have continued to learn from home. This has taken a great deal of time, effort, energy and patience on everyone's part, but we can be proud of what is being achieved.

We will continue to operate our learning from home provision until students return to school and will continue to review and develop this over the coming weeks. It is vitally important that every student accesses this provision and we appreciate the time and effort that families are giving to their children to ensure that they keep up with the work set. Most students are fully engaged with their online learning and we want every student to benefit from it. As a school, we will continue to do everything we can to make it as straightforward as possible for you and for them, so please do continue to contact staff if you have any concerns.

For the time being, therefore, the school remains closed for all students other than those who are already aware that they are able to attend the on- site childcare provision.



**Principal Sarah Pringle**

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***If your circumstances change and you now think that you are eligible for a place in this provision according to the government criteria, please contact the office so that we can discuss how best this can be arranged.***

I will be keeping you all regularly updated on progress towards the re-opening of the school through our daily bulletins and we will be contacting parents and students in Year 10 over the next week to outline how they may begin to receive 'face-to-face time' (potentially both on-line and on-site) with their teachers in Term 6.

***The first step towards planning this provision will be a short survey to year 10 parents around students potentially returning to school in Term 6. Please complete the survey as swiftly as possible so that we can continue with our planning for re-opening.***

All of us look forward to welcoming students back to school as soon as is safely possible. In the meantime, please keep safe and well and encourage your children to continue to participate as fully as possible in their online learning.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Pringle  
Headteacher