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Dear families,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for working with us so positively since our closure and for all the support and encouragement you have provided to your children with the distance learning provided by our teachers.

Following the Prime Minister's speech at the weekend, the Department for Education published additional guidance on 11 May that set out an expectation that Year 10 and Year 12 students would be able to return to school from 1 June for some face to face support to supplement and add to the distance learning they are currently receiving.

Although it is not explicit, this recent announcement makes it less likely that years 7, 8 and 9 will return to school until September. We will, of course, continue to support all our students through the provision of distance learning and regular contact with key staff.

Year 10 and 12

I do not expect that this face-to-face contact will see a return to full timetables, or students being required to come into school every day. We are now conducting a detailed review of our site and this will assist us with our plans and necessary risk assessments to ensure students and staff are safe when we begin to offer face-to-face support to students in years 10 and 12. As a result of this it is unlikely students will be required to come into school before the week commencing 8th June and I hope I will be able to offer you an additional update towards the end of this month.

Please continue to take good care of yourselves and your families.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Qamar Riaz

Headteacher



