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Dear Year 10 and 12 parents/carers,

Following my letter to you on 12th May, you will be aware the government has suggested some face to face engagement for Years 10 and 12 prior to the summer holidays.

We are incredibly fortunate to be in a position where we have had an average 95% engagement with our distance learning provision. We appreciate this will never be able to replicate the whole classroom experience, however we are keen to ensure the phasing back of pupils/students is as effective as our provision of distance learning.

As a result, we will be cautious in our approach. To support the complexity of this process we have set up a reopening strategy group made up of the following people:

- Ms C Edis Principal, Chair
- Ms K Robinson Staff Governor / Staff wellbeing group
- Mr J Baker Governor - communications
- Ms V Davies Parent Governor
- Ms A Fryer Governor - estates
- Ms S Hedgman Operations Manager
- Mr C Antos Premises Manager
- Ms H Rimbault HR Officer
- Mr J Thomas NASUWT
- Mr A Knight NEU
- Assistant Principals to join for relevant key stage discussions

The safety, health and wellbeing of everyone in the school is, of course our highest priority. We are currently planning how to put into place the measures needed so that our school can be run safely, hygienically and with appropriate procedures in place when we re-open.

The Government has stressed that all re-opening plans will depend on infection rates decreasing and it won't make its final decision on whether schools can definitely reopen until May 28th. This uncertainty makes planning difficult, but we will continue to develop our plans to welcome some children back into school – we really miss seeing them.

The Government guidance says that no more than 15 children can be in a secondary classroom when schools re-open, which in our building is typically 6 pupils per classroom due to 2m social distancing rules.

We are interested to know your preference for pupils and students in Years 10 and 12 . The options are as follows:

- I am undecided.
- I would like my Year 10/Year 12 child to attend school. I understand that classes of 30 will be split across 6 classrooms.
- My child will remain at home.
- Other – please comment.

We will be sending the parents/carers of students in those year groups a message via BolPost before the end of tomorrow, asking you to select an option. Please reply to the message by Friday 29th May. Once we receive this information, we can then start to work out how and when they can return. Your feedback is invaluable, thank you for taking the time to provide it.

If your child is already attending our Community Classrooms for key worker and vulnerable children, they can continue to do so regardless of which year group they are in and we encourage them to attend. If your child has specific health vulnerabilities, they should not come to school. Further details are available [here](#).

I will write to you again on 2nd June after our first reopening strategy group meeting when I can hopefully share some specific arrangements and plans. Please do bear with us, I know that many of you will already have lots of questions, but I would ask for your patience and understanding as we continue to organise the return to school.

You will be receiving specific information in letters for each key stage regarding curriculum, assessment and end of year celebrations.

In the meantime, please do continue to encourage your child with their home learning – we have seen such brilliant work. We hope that you and your families are well and safe at this time and I will be in touch again soon.



Ms C Edis
Principal