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Dear Parent / Carer

I hope you are well and are starting to enjoy some of the easing of the restrictions as time goes on. As is now usual, the media is rife with speculation on developments on a number of fronts, education being one of the main ones. I have tried throughout to keep you as updated as possible and continue to be guided by the DFE guidance which is updated daily. Please see the latest advice and guidance at this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Thank you to all of you who took the time to feed into our recent surveys. Your views are valued and we are working through a number of suggestions you have made. We also aim to be in touch with everyone individually where you have a particular concern regarding your child at this time. I appreciate that many of you would like more online learning opportunities. We are working with the staff on trying to do that and will be providing further training next week to try and increase this amount of content. There remain many obstacles to doing this as a matter of course however and I would ask that you are aware of these as outlined in previous letters. Mr Dolly will be in touch again with some feedback on improvements we aim to introduce and with some feedback from the survey.

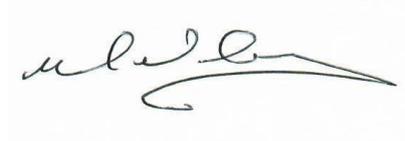
From the week beginning the 15th June, we will be starting the process of some one-to-one sessions for our students in Y10 and in Y12. Please do note however that online learning will continue to be the main way of delivering education to our students in these year groups. Everyone should continue to engage with work that is being set via Class Charts. Dr Ainsworth will be in touch with our Y12 families and Mr Cregeen and Mrs Phillips will be in touch with Y10 families next week with further details of times and dates. It will be fantastic to start to welcome students back to the school in the coming weeks. I do have to emphasise from the start though, that all students will be required to follow strict guidelines and rules to ensure everyone's safety. Failure to do so will result in a student being sent home straight away, but I'm sure that will not be necessary. I also need to emphasise that the time will be limited due to the number of students we can currently have on site. I do hope that as many of you as possible in these year groups will avail yourselves of the opportunity to have some limited time with your subject teachers in the coming weeks. This will help you with the next phase of your learning particularly in relation to your exams next year. For those of you in Y10, uniform will not be required as it may prove difficult to wash following a day in school, as per government guidelines. I will publish detailed risk assessments and a phased re-opening plan on the school website next week. All of this is designed to ensure the health and safety of everyone invited to school for these sessions. Again, adherence to all of this instruction will be expected at all times. Please get in touch if you have any specific questions.

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Many of you may be turning your thoughts to September, as we are at school. I do hope that some sort of normality will be upon us then and that we will be in the position to welcome everyone back. I will keep you updated as the DFE advice and guidance becomes available. In the meantime, my best advice would be to plan for a September return for your child. I would consider ordering uniform items and equipment as you usually would in the coming weeks and months. As always, if you have any particular questions or queries, please get in touch.

Thank you once again for the very positive feedback that we regularly receive from so many of you and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any particular concerns. Thank you also to all of our young people who are doing so much to support their families and local community at this time. Our 'twitter' feed regularly highlights a lot of this good work, do keep us informed if there is anything you would like us to share.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike McGarry', with a long, sweeping underline.

Mike McGarry
Headteacher