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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of the half term, may I express my sincere thanks for your time and patience during what has been an unusual half term. We have received contact from the Council, Members of Parliament, Diocese and others in relation to summer term plans. As a parent myself I have felt the challenges and fractures of home schooling. Over the next I will be urging all members of the St Monica's community to get some rest – I think we all need it. Please stay safe and continue to follow government guidance.

From June 1st we will make some changes to our approach for supporting Year 10 pupils. Each Year 10 pupil will be contacted by a member of staff to have in-depth conversations about their progress with school work, their well-being and the support they may need during a phased return. We have allocated times when this contact can take place, and would you help your child to be available on the following days at the following times:

Form Groups	Day and Times
10K and 10C	Monday June 1 st and June 8 th – 10:00am -12:00pm
10F and 10 G	Tuesday June 2 nd and June 9 th – 10:00am – 12:00pm
10B and 10L	Wednesday June 3 rd and June 10 th – 10:00am – 12:00pm
10R and 10W	Thursday June 4 th and June 11 th – 10:00am – 12:00pm

Included with this letter are clear instructions for how pupils can access this conversation – it will be through Microsoft Teams. We hope this will reassure pupils about where they are with their work at home. Staff will ask pupils to turn off their camera during these calls simply as a precaution.

A significant amount of work has been taking place to plan for Year 10 pupils to return to the school site in some way. We are working towards the week commencing June 15th for some on site face to face to take place. I am very grateful to parents for sharing their views through the survey last week. I am due to share with the Executive Board both the confirmed plan for return and the extensive risk assessment to allow this to happen on June 1st. I hope that parents understand the precision that is needed to ensure a return can be safe. There will be extensive restrictions in place at the point of return to ensure the safety of everyone, and I will need the support of parents with this. As per government guidance any return would be part time, and in small numbers. Mrs Keenan is carefully revising elements of our Behaviour for Learning policy to make clear expectations. As I am sure you can appreciate, we will not risk or tolerate any behaviour that does not comply with social distancing guidelines. Staff one to one conversations with pupils will help in outlining the steps we are taking, and a clear guide for parents will be issued at the beginning of June. Such plans may well be subject to change of course based on local and national guidance.

Finally, some months ago I shared with you that our school would be converting to Academy status and joining the St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Multi Academy Trust at some point. It is possible this will take place before the end of the summer term. This will have no impact on our current work, staffing or planning. I will be able to update you further at the beginning of June.

Please stay safe and well and enjoy the half term, in whatever form it may take for you.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Foley
Headteacher

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Year 10 1:1 contact – Pupil Instructions

As you will be aware, we are making preparations for some face to face sessions in school but before this happens, we need to see how you have been getting on in some more detail.

Therefore week commencing 1st June and Week commencing 9th June you are going to receive a phone call once a week from a member of staff (through Teams) to find out how and your family are and how you are getting on with the work for each subject.

You will receive the call between 10.00am and 12.00pm on a specific day. You will need to have the Teams App open between these times (or be on the online version) on the following days:

The days are as follows:

- Monday 10K and 10 C
- Tuesday 10F and 10G
- Wednesday 10B and 10L
- Thursday 10R and 10W

A member of staff will start the phone call and you just need to answer it. As these are 1:1 sessions we are asking that they are conducted like a phone call would be, so please **turn off** your camera.

If the member of staff cannot make contact with you through Teams they will ring your parents to speak to you that way instead.

If you need some support with setting up teams plea