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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of the half term, may I express my most sincere thanks for your time and patience. Schools have very much been in the national spotlight this week. 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 week 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 there will be some changes, locally and nationally no doubt. Please do continue to use the keyworker@stmonicas.co.uk email address if you have no other choice but to send your child into school. We have planned carefully how to ensure that Key Worker pupils remain in a "bubble" as has been suggested by the Government. We are also in the planning stages of Year 10 pupils returning in some way to school. As ever, my priority is the health, safety and wellbeing of members of the community, and we continue to give careful thought to how we can achieve this, whilst continuing to set work for pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9, host online Form Meetings and continue in school welfare calls.

As a parent of a Year 7 child I fully appreciate parental concern about pupils falling behind. We are giving careful thought to some recovery planning for September, or the point when we are able to return properly. As a school we have improved outcomes consistently over the past two years and I hope that gives you some comfort.

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

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