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Dear Parents and Carers

This week we welcome back our Year 10 pupils to school for some face to face time with staff prior to the summer break. All staff in school have worked incredibly hard to put in place the necessary safeguards to ensure this can be done effectively and safely. We will continue to review the provision that has been put in place to ensure it supports the pupils. This morning I led staff through an on site briefing so they are aware of the expectations, and processes that we will put in place. As I asked you at the end of the last week that if your child is in Year 10, but they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, please do not send them into school. I am sure I can count on your support with this.

Alongside this we have been working hard to develop better ways to set work for pupils, and to keep them engaged in their learning, particularly for pupils in Key Stage 3. It is our aim that from the week commencing June 29th we can offer to all pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 some online face to face sessions, where teachers can give them some form of online instruction. Over the next two weeks a number of staff will be trialling this with a number of different groups of pupils, and it will take place through Microsoft Teams. This is to ensure that when this goes live it works as we intend it to do. I hope that I can share with you this schedule by the beginning of next week. This will then allow parents and pupils to plan time at home. Work will continue to be set through Show My Homework alongside this.

We are also now doing our best to plan what any potential September return to school will look like. This is obviously a challenge given that schools have not as yet received any concrete guidance from central government. I hope to share with you our plans in the next few weeks once some level of clarity emerges.

Thank you for your continued support and patience - it is very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

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