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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you continue to be well. May I again express my most sincere thanks to you for your continued support and patience since schools were closed in March.

As we enter the final three weeks of the term I wanted to take the opportunity to clarify our end of term plans. Year 10 pupils will continue to come into school for the next three weeks on their current assigned day. This will continue to give them face to face time with teachers in their core subjects. On Monday July 6<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup> current Year 10 pupils will also be able to come into school at an assigned time to meet with their options teachers. We will be making some amendments to the school day for the final week of this term. On Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup>, school will close at 2.00 pm for pupils of key workers and on Friday July 17<sup>th</sup> school will close at 12:45 pm for pupils of key workers. These amendments will not affect the onsite provision for Year 10 pupils.

Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 will now be able to access some online learning sessions. We hope that these sessions will keep your child engaged. We have been so proud of the work done by so many pupils over the past few months.

From September schools are now responsible in law for teaching Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education. As such next Monday I will share with parents the draft RSE policy that will inform some elements of the school Personal, Social and Health Education programme so as to take their views. This will be delivered each week in school from September. Parents do have the right to withdraw their child from some elements of this programme if they wish.

You may well have had the chance to listen the Secretary for Education this morning. He has again made it clear the government intends to have all pupils back in school full time from September. We are hoping to receive guidance from the government regarding steps that schools will need to take to prepare for this by the end of the week. Once this is published we will plan carefully to ensure all pupils can be as safe as possible in September.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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