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Dear parents, carers and students

This letter is to update you on some matters regarding school and to wish you and those close to you well.

We have made plans for how we might start to reopen school more widely from 1st June. We have consulted with the diocese, Secondary Bury Head teachers, with union representatives, with our IEB and our future MAT trustees. Having completed all the necessary risk assessments and changing our operations around school we are ready to open to children who have both key workers as parents/carers and wish to return to school supervision.

We will continue to work together with parents, staff, unions and other stakeholders, in the interests of our children and our collective futures. We aim to ensure any return to school is safe for children's physical and emotional wellbeing. The safety and wellbeing of our staff and students is of paramount importance and will lead our decision making. It is likely we will take steps in planned phases.

Week commencing 1st June

Pupils of parents who are both Key Workers and have already signed up from the survey will be re integrated into school from Monday 1st June. More details will be sent directly to these parents.

Week 1st June and week 8th June

Form tutors will be making personal contact, via telephone, with each student in school again. The focus of this will be to establish student general wellbeing and to gauge how students are coping with home learning. Parents and carers will be notified, via in-touch of a date and time for the phone call.

We have done a significant amount of work exploring possible options for offering face to face contact of some nature with the children of year 10. We are still expecting further guidance to be published for secondary schools, and in particular we still await guidance relating to safely managing the health risks to both our staff and students of bringing potentially very significant numbers of children into our environment. As mentioned, our most important responsibility is to ensure that our students and staff are kept as safe as possible. In the absence of this specific guidance we have been unable to finalise any plans for face to face support at this time. Given the proximity of the half term break we are writing to let you know that we will not be in a position to provide this support straight away. There are still no plans to bring Years 7-9 back into school this side of the summer break.

Covid-19 has brought with it stress, uncertainty and anxiety for us all, and we know many of you will be concerned about sending your children back to school. We will do everything we can to minimise the risks in school, but no school can give the guarantees and reassurance that parents would naturally wish for. Ultimately, the decision whether to send students back to school or not, rests with parents and carers, but we will do everything we can to continue to support you and our students.

The May half term holiday would normally take place next week, therefore staff will not be setting any home learning. This is a time for everyone to take a break and to focus on family life and some relaxation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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