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Preparing every student to be a pillar of any community

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Dear parents/carers

As you will be aware students in years 10 and 12 are facing exams next year and as such we need to support them in preparing for these as soon as we can make the environment as safe as possible. It is therefore our intention to bring these students back to school for induction sessions on 10th/11th June, with a view to resuming teaching on a part time basis from the week beginning 15th June.

This means that for the time being KS3 will continue to be taught at home via our remote learning programme. Staff will continue to set work via Show My Homework.

The safety, health and wellbeing of everyone in the school is, of course our highest priority. We are planning how to put into place the measures needed so that our school can be run safely, hygienically and with appropriate procedures in place when we re-open.

The Government has stressed that all re-opening plans will depend on infection rates decreasing and it won't make its final decision on whether schools can definitely reopen until 28th May. This uncertainty makes planning difficult but we will continue to develop our plans to welcome some children back into school – we really miss seeing them!

The Government guidance says that no more than 15 children can be in a secondary classroom when schools re-open. It has also said that students will need to sit two metres apart. We will therefore need to very carefully manage how to limit the number of students and staff who mix with each other whilst in school. In addition, it will be important that we avoid large numbers of students gathering when coming to or leaving school. This may mean we will have to stagger the times so that different groups arrive and leave at different times. We are expecting further guidance from the Department for Education later this week.

If your child is already attending our Community Classroom for key worker and vulnerable children, they can continue to do so, regardless of which year group they are in and we encourage them to attend. If your child has specific health vulnerabilities they should not come to school. Further details are available <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

I will write to you on 1st June when I can hopefully share some specific arrangements and plans for these year groups. Please do bear with us, I know that many of you will already have lots of

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questions but I would ask for your patience and understanding as we continue to organize the return to school.

In the meantime, and for all of our students in other year groups, please do continue to encourage your child with their home learning – we have seen such brilliant work. We hope that you and your families are well and safe at this time and I will be in touch again soon.

Kind regards



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