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Dear Parent / Carer

An update for parents of students in years 10 and 12

Further to my letter to you earlier in the week, I am writing to you with an update on where things are at regarding students in years 10 and 12 next half term. As you know, the government is asking schools to offer some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of young people in these year groups, in addition to the ongoing full time provision being offered to priority groups, which include the children of key workers and those who are vulnerable.

The government has indicated it is not going to make a final decision on its timetable for the wider reopening of schools for specific year groups until May 28, possibly sooner, when they will either confirm or delay their intentions on the basis of the latest scientific data. To support schools' planning, specific reopening guidance was provided for primary schools last week, with the indication that guidance for secondary and high schools would be available at the start of this week, however this has not yet appeared. Although our planning on the basis of what we know is at quite an advanced stage, we are clearly keen to see the government's guidance before we determine our definitive intentions.

As such, we will continue to monitor the situation over the coming days. Although we are nominally about to embark on the half-term break, school will still be open for the priority students, and we will be continuing to work on our plans. As and when the situation becomes clearer, I will write to you with more information.

In the meantime, all good wishes to you and your family until I write to you again.

Yours faithfully



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