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Dear Parent / Guardian

The government has made announcements this week about a staged plan as the country moves forward in the Covid crisis, the reopening of schools was one element of this plan.

We have been asked to plan to offer some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10 students. We welcome this opportunity to enhance the extensive remote learning that the teaching staff are currently providing. We have carried out planning and preparations to the site and will share these plans once the guidance from the government has covered all the elements required.

Any reopening is conditional on the government's tests being met and we may not have confirmation of this until very late in May. The earliest an opening could occur would be 1 June, but it may be necessary for it to occur later than this.

It is clear that to meet the safety requirements around social distancing and social bubbles any reopening would be staggered with only a proportion of the year 10 students on site on a given day.

I am unable at this point to give more clarity on the specific plans or timescales for opening and this may well be the case until June, given that the guidance is updated on a regular basis.

Julian Wooster, Director of Children's Services for Somerset, has written this [letter](#) to parents.

It is clear from the announcement this week that the other year groups will be remote learning for an extended period.

We are reviewing our current provision and will look to adapt after half term in the light of the best practice we have seen in school, and also nationally. With the technology we have available and the motivation of our students combined with your support, our community is maintaining learning to a high standard.

We are looking to introduce themed days in the next half term and also days focussed on personal development and student welfare.

Yours faithfully



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