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Dear Parent / Guardian

I am aware that parents of year 10 students will be wanting to have more detail about our plans for reopening. I had hoped to give you more information by this time, I am still waiting for key guidance from the Department for Education.

In developing our plans we have followed the government's health and safety advice for reopening and also key elements of the guidance that was issued specifically to primary schools on 14 May.

Any reopening is conditional on the government announcing that the five tests they have set have been met.

We recognise the importance of this next step for our students and so staffing and site arrangements are in place for reopening to year 10. However, **the government has still not yet issued guidance specific to secondary schools**, without this we cannot finalise our arrangements.

Once this secondary school guidance is available, I will contact you with details about procedures and safety elements we will have in place.

I will then also request acknowledgment of whether your children will be attending on site in school. You will be able to do this in the full knowledge of the safety elements in place. The government has confirmed that parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time.

We are aware that some students are shielding and will not be able to attend, our remote learning will continue and be further adapted to enable more direct elements of teaching.

If the guidance is not issued by Friday of half term, it will make it unlikely we will be able to open on 1 June.

Yours faithfully



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