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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your ongoing support during this difficult time. As our staff continue to supervise the children of key workers and provide remote learning for all our other students, we are now also considering how we can offer some more focused support to our Year 10 pupils.

To achieve this we are working together, as a group of secondary Headteachers in conjunction with the Local Authority, to overcome the challenges this presents with our utmost focus being to ensure that we are able to keep all our students and staff safe.

Currently the DfE have produced guidance for our primary colleagues and we anticipate receiving guidance for the secondary sector soon, although the release date for this remains unclear and the promised guidance has already been delayed numerous times. In advance of this we are all completing a detailed and comprehensive risk analysis to review with our Governing Boards. Key aspects of this include:

- identifying classrooms that we can use whilst adhering to the social distancing requirement to keep our students 2 meters apart
- removing excess furniture from the classrooms we identify for use to minimise the spread of any infection
- enhancing our cleaning routines during the school day to limit transmission of infection
- creating one-way systems to support social distancing on our corridors
- considering what our catering teams can offer when also complying with social distancing measures themselves
- preparing guidance for our staff and students that clarifies and explains how school will function going forwards as this will be very different for the foreseeable future

The picture for secondary schools remains unclear at this stage and once we have received some direction and clarity from central government, we will be in touch to indicate what the pattern of the educational offer will look like for the weeks ahead. In the interim we will of course continue to set work remotely for the majority of pupils whilst providing supervision for the children of key workers as we have been doing each day since 23 March. We are carefully monitoring what work is being set and which pupils are accessing the work set. There have been 4374 items of work set on ShowMyHomework across all year groups with an average of 106 items per week per year group. We are planning hard for the days, weeks and months ahead and we will send further details once we have the anticipated information from the government. We also need to be confident that we can staff any offer we make as some staff in our schools are classified as extremely clinically vulnerable and/or have underlying health conditions and are required to shield at this time.

At this point in time our primary colleagues are planning to gradually reopen in some way from the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at the earliest and we will keep you informed of our plans in due course and

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as soon as the guidance is available and the 5 tests are met, with the health, safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff always remaining our number one priority.

In the meantime, we will continue to support our families in any way we can.

Yours sincerely

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