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Dear Parents / Carers

The government announced yesterday that “from 1st June 2020 at the earliest” schools may be able to provide some “face to face support” for Years 10 and 12 (no change for Years 7, 8 and 9). This will only happen if the government decide, nearer the time, that it is safe to do.

This is part of the government’s “sketch of a road map” for the nation’s recovery from the Coronavirus outbreak. Although the details are still emerging and there is still lots that is currently being clarified, the government have stated that this will not be a return to full education for any pupils.

So far said, they have said the following:

“This will not be a return to full timetables or pupils back in school full time, rather some support to supplement pupils’ remote education. In line with implementing protective measures and reducing contacts, schools and colleges should limit the attendance of the year 10 and 12 cohort in the setting at any one time and to keep students in small groups.”

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020/actions-for-education-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020>

Rest assured that we are working on the best possible plan for providing some “face to face support” for Year 10 and Year 12 while keeping everybody as safe as possible.

In the meantime, the government has produced this guidance for parents which you may find useful:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>



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Even more home learning support

Whether pupils are in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 or 12, we are doing everything we can to make sure they are learning as much possible in this period away from the school building. To that end, we are substantially increasing the online support for all year groups from 1st June.

The work will again be refreshed as usual at the end of this two week cycle (this Friday) so your children will have new work to complete for the final week of this half term (week commencing 18th May). However, **when we return after half term, you will find significant additions to work in each subject.** Teachers are busy making videos to accompany the work they are setting. That means your children will be able to hear from our own subject specialists. The videos will help your children understand the trickier concepts they may not be able to work out by themselves and show them how to apply what they know to the tasks they are being asked to complete. We hope that these additions to our home learning will mean they get even more out of the work we are setting.

Thank you to everyone who has sent us positive feedback about the work we have already set for pupils in these challenging circumstances. We know that learning at home is not the same as learning at school and I want to thank you for anything you are doing to encourage your children.

The government have made it clear that all plans are subject to change at short notice. As soon as we know more, we will be in touch.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

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