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Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope you are all well and managing to stay safe. These continue to be difficult times and I want to say thank you for your understanding and your kind comments. I am pleased to hear that many of our students are working hard to complete the work that has been set. I want to remind both students and parents that work is updated on the website every two weeks and to avoid confusion we are going to remove the work from Show My Homework and solely use the website. Students may continue to contact teachers if they have questions about the work that has been set.

Following the Prime Ministers announcement on Sunday and the information that has followed from the Department for Education we are still trying to establish clarity on a number of issues. However, I believe there is **no change** to the guidance on vulnerable learners and critical workers. We will continue to remain open for those learners and our Inclusion staff will continue to have weekly contact with our vulnerable learners to assess each individual case.

The Department for Education have mentioned that from the 1st June they are encouraging some face to face meetings for Year 10 students but are not expecting these students to return full time. We are indeed keen to establish if that means we can do some teaching with those Year 10 students. However, this will be decided following Local Authority advice and after some through risk assessments where it has been deemed that it is safe for students and staff to return. It is anticipated that small groups of students would be in school at any one time but there are a lot of questions that need answering before we can proceed with any plan.

With regards to Year 11 we are in the process of finalising GCSE grades to be submitted to the exam boards. These will have to be submitted by the 12th June. Students will receive their results on the 20th August. From Monday there will be English and Maths work on the website but I am also aware that in collaboration with the colleges they will be sending out or have sent out preparatory work to students based on the subjects they have elected to study post 16.

Can I draw your attention to the following advice from the Department for Education.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

We will continue to do our very best for all our students and I hope we can get back to some resemblance of normality soon.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher



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