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Dear All,

I hope this finds everyone having had a happy half term holiday. Please follow this [link](#) for our latest video message.

We were delighted to welcome students and staff back today and thoroughly enjoyed having more people around and about the school. Although some of the restrictions that we have had to put in place made for a slightly different experience, on the whole, we've had a really good day. Thank you to all those families who entrusted their children to us; speaking from personal experience, I know what a difficult decision this will have been for many of you.

Going forward, families of those students who are eligible – those whose parents are critical workers, those with Educational Health Care Plan or those deemed to be “vulnerable” - and who wish to return to school, should contact us via attendance@salesian.surrey.sch.uk. Please note that staffing for classes this week has been organised around those who contacted us before half term. In some year groups, classes are already full and families may have to wait **until next Monday** for us to arrange additional provision. We would however encourage you to get in touch as soon as possible if you would now like to take up a place.

Those students who are attending, will, for the next fortnight at least, not be required to wear school uniform and will need to bring a packed lunch. Students should also, wherever possible, bring their own headphones – this is so that they can engage in any live lessons that may be scheduled during the school day without the need to use a set of the school headphones which may have been used by other students.

For those families who haven't yet had the opportunity to think about whether or not to send children back to school, I hope that you have had a good experience of the enhanced provision today. We appreciate that some families have experienced teething problems with Microsoft Teams and where this is the case, please in the first instance refer to Mr Gower's original email on the subject and the [tutorial video](#) on our YouTube channel. Also, ensuring that you are using the Google Chrome web browser seems to solve the majority of problems, so this might be worth checking before anything else.

We look forward to updating you again next week with the latest on our plans to expand provision for students in Years 10 and 12 **from Monday 15th June**. Next week we will also be phoning home again to check in with every family but if in the meantime you are struggling with anything, please do get in touch.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy and productive week.

God bless,

James Kibble
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