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Dear All,

As another week draws to a close, those of us who have been fortunate enough to be in school, have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to come together, in person, as we continue to build the numbers attending this happy community of faith and learning. To be involved in education, be it as a learner, a teacher or a supporter, is a real privilege so we are truly grateful for the opportunities that the easing of the lockdown is providing.

For those who are still stuck at home, we are very sorry. I hope that the adaptations we have made to the home-learning provision this week have offered some consolation and served to motivate students and those supporting them to reengage with renewed enthusiasm this half term. Whilst there have inevitably been one or two technical hiccups with the introduction of Microsoft Teams, on the whole feedback from families has been exceedingly positive.

We are now busily preparing for the next stage of reopening which will involve the limited return of Year 10 and 12 students from Monday 15th June. Hopefully those families to whom this applies will have already seen and responded to Mr Keeling and / or Mrs Bolton's surveys requesting families intentions about the return to school / college. If you haven't yet responded, please do so via the [Year 10](#) or [Year 12](#) links here. We really need this information by the end of today if we are to include you in the plans for the return.

Mr Gower will be writing to you at the start of next week with further details about the provision for students returning in Years 10 and 12 but ahead of that, I wanted to ensure that everyone is being realistic about what will be able to offer. You will understand that whatever we do going forward must be within the parameters of the government guidance; unfortunately, this seriously restricts what we can do. Quite apart from the rules about social distancing, we are also allowed no more than 25% of the cohort in on any one day and students are to be taught in the same group or "bubble" by only a limited number of different teachers.

This means that even students in these year groups will still only be able to come into school or college one day per week and when they are in, they will unlikely be taught by their usual teachers, in their usual classes or classrooms and are also unlikely to be taught all of their option subjects. Some may feel that it is hardly worth taking up the offer at all but we are absolutely determined to do everything we can within the rules and believe that anything we can do to offer students an opportunity to actually come into school, be with other students and get a limited amount of face-to-face contact with teachers is worthwhile.

We are planning to call every family again next week and I am conscious that there may well be questions about the next stage of the reopening. Hopefully these will be answered by Mr Gower's letter next week but in the meantime, please bear in mind that we are still in the planning phase for all this and the member of staff who calls you will probably not yet know the details of that plan when you speak to them.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch with someone here if you are experiencing any difficulties.

All of this comes with the additional caveat that the guidance could well change again between now and the 15th June (DfE advice for schools has already changed 41 times since lockdown began) and this may mean



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further changes to the plan; we will however, continue to do all we can to keep you fully informed and up to date.

For the families of all those students who are not yet permitted to return to school, I hope to be writing to you sometime soon about what the next stage might look like for you; we hope and pray that there will be some encouraging news on this front soon.

Please go into the weekend with our best wishes and continued gratitude for the support you are offering to the students, to one another and to all of us at school; your encouragement, kindness and willingness to persevere all greatly appreciated and make a huge difference to what we are all able to do.

God bless you,

James Kibble

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