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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Update on School Closure

Welcome to the summer term, again a strange experience tinged with sadness as we remain closed to all but the children of key workers and those who are classed as vulnerable, who cannot be cared for safely within their own homes.

At the moment, the Local Authority have given schools a clear direction that we must not open to any students except those noted above, because the 5 government tests for safety cannot be met in Lancashire. They have pledged to issue further guidance on 15th June. Until that guidance is issued, we will remain as now.

We have been working on ways we can provide some face to face teaching and contact for our year 10 students, in line with the government request that students begin to return to school in a phased and controlled way when it is safe to do so. A separate letter has been sent to parents, carers and students in year 10 to outline our plans, so please refer to this for further detail if your child is in year 10.

The current situation regarding Covid-19 has required us to review the school's behaviour code and safeguarding policy. We have added an appendix to each to reflect expectations of behaviour and safeguarding whilst Covid-19 is still a threat. This is in line with local authority guidance and is intended to ensure the safety of all members of the school community. We have also amended areas of the core behaviour policy to reflect interventions and support strategies linked to poor behaviour more clearly. The core policies and the appendices can be found on the school website.

It has been said time and again that these are strange and unprecedented times, and I thank you for your support as we continue to make the best sense we can of the position we find ourselves in.

Yours sincerely

Miss S Asquith
Headteacher

