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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

The Prime Minister's statement on Sunday night and his subsequent briefing last night has raised more questions than answers for many of us.

At this point there is still no firm national plan for secondary school students to return to school; any return is dependent upon many other factors. You will find the up to date guidance here:

<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>

As a Local Authority maintained school, we have been guided during our partial opening by the Director of Children's Services to ensure the right decisions are made on the right advice at the right time. The Local Authority is in close contact with the DFE, so we are confident that when there is further clarity regarding any future plan, we will be advised accordingly.

When we have information we will share our plans with you. Until then please rest assured that any decision we make regarding further opening of school to more students will be based on putting the safety of your children, you, and our colleagues first.

We're also not going to be pressuring anyone to send their children to school, since you know your children and personal situation best. We'll keep you updated with all our preparations for making sure the school is as safe as possible, so you can make an informed decision.

In the meantime, the school is still open **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. We know some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but we're not in a position right now to extend places to other children until we receive further government guidance.

We'd like to thank you for your continuous support in helping your child learn from home. We'll need to keep going with this for a while yet, so please do continue to do what you can and stay in touch with us about how your child is doing.

I have written to you previously about the government plans for GCSE grades to year 11 and early entry year 10 students. You will find the most up to date information here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020>



Our school website is regularly updated with academic and well-being resources to support you as you work through the challenges Covid-19 is presenting, and please be assured that we are working hard to maintain contact with our families by telephone, email and Show My Homework. If you need to contact us, you can use the contact us button on the school website or telephone the main switchboard.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Asquith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Miss S Asquith
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