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Dear Parents and Carers

If you have been following the Prime Minister's Covid-19 briefings, you will be aware that we are closer to being able to make some more detailed plans regarding the return of Year 10s before the summer. The Government finally published the 'Planning for Secondary Schools' document on Bank Holiday Monday, and announced on May 28th that the nation is, apparently, meeting the standards required for further 'easement' of lockdown, including a phased, and careful, reopening of schools.

Therefore, our aim is to open for Year 10 in the week beginning **Monday 15th June**, making provision for a quarter of Year 10 children at a time. I will communicate more information in the next few days, as I am able to solidify my plans.

I would stress, that the 15th June is still an aspirational date as unions and the local council continue to advise on the more regional question of safe return.

My plan remains broadly the same as I communicated before half term, whereby, on their return, we aim to support their virtual learning curriculum and, if possible, offer some additional teaching of core subjects.

Students will be placed in small defined 'bubbles' that will not change and will have the same attached staff, helping to secure a COVID safe learning environment. We aim to have children in classes of a maximum of 10 – not necessarily friends or classmates - with one adult at a time, and a restricted number of adults in total – this will constitute their 'bubble' which they will remain in when in school, for the foreseeable future. The 'bubble' will have its own classroom, its own specified toilet (gender neutral and one person only to use at one time – NOT during lesson time), and its own allocated 'fresh air space' for socially distanced lunchtimes. ANY mixing between 'bubbles' in school time will not be allowed. Again, more details on all the above will follow over the next few days, including a revised behaviour policy to reflect the importance of these measures.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Very best wishes

Mr A Ashcroft
Headteacher