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Dear parent/carer,

We have now had the Year 10 students back for almost two weeks and things have gone very well. The students have taken the instruction to socially distance seriously and we have been really impressed with their attitude. Students have been accompanied everywhere to ensure that the conditions of our risk assessment were met and we have been proud of the marvellous way in which they have responded. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support at this difficult time.

The Prime Minister's announcement on Tuesday was thin on detail, but the thrust of it was that he wants all students to return at once in September and that attendance will be compulsory. We suspect that this desire will be difficult to accomplish, so we will continue to monitor the information coming from No. 10 and the Department for Education as we approach next term.

In the meantime, we are modelling different scenarios, from full opening to different forms of partial return. We will, of course, keep you informed as those plans develop. As part of those preparations, we are trialling online live lessons with some of year 10 in case we need to use different forms of learning in September.

We will not be opening for vulnerable and key worker children on Fridays for the rest of this term. As you know, we opened over the May half term when the vast majority of schools did not, so these students have already received five extra days of education. Staffing capacity is an issue at present and we need to ensure that we have enough in place to support our stringent risk assessments. We have spoken to the Director of Education for Newham on this matter and she has agreed with our course of action.

You may have already heard that the government has announced that the introduction of the new Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) policy has been delayed until September 2021 (although schools can follow the policy from this September if they wish). This is to allow proper face-to-face consultation with parents. We have already timetabled a fortnightly lesson for this subject, so we will press ahead with it, but we will not tackle the controversial areas of the policy during those lessons. We will tackle them, as we have in the past, in a drop-down day later in the year, from which the children can be withdrawn for certain sections on your request. We will give you details of that nearer the time.

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The Headteacher Challenge is now open for your child to enter with a chance to win a prize of £25. For more information go to this link: <https://www.littleilford.newham.sch.uk/blog/2020-06-19-14-33-38-june-headteacher-challenge>

Our students have been creating some fantastic art during the school closure; to view click on this link: <https://www.littleilford.newham.sch.uk/parents-students-parents/students/student-gallery>

Little Ilford students are able to access a 3 month free trial of an audiobook collection, for more details go to the Library page on our website at this link: <https://www.littleilford.newham.sch.uk/parents-students-parents/students/library>

We have made changes to the behaviour policy due to our risk assessment for Covid 19. It can be found here: <https://www.littleilford.newham.sch.uk/information/policies>

We do hope that you are keeping well and that you and your families have a wonderful summer.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Ian Wilson and Ms Helen Marriott.