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Dear Parent and Carers,

Following the announcement today about the return to school in September, I am writing to you to update you on our plans so far. In terms of the end of the Summer Term, we intend to run as we have been doing in recent weeks until July 10th. This includes on-site provision for Year 10 and 9, and on-site provision for students who are deemed vulnerable or whose parents are a key worker. In addition, our online provision for student learning, supported by paper resources for those as requested, will continue during this period.

To ensure we meet as many students as possible before the Summer holiday, the final week of the term will be run differently. All Year 7, 8 and 9 students will be offered a face to face meeting in school on either Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th or Wednesday 15th July with their tutor where possible. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss work undertaken, plans for September and, most importantly, to see how they are feeling about returning to school. Parents and carers will be able to book their child's face-to-face meeting through the Parents' Evening booking system. Where parents are unable to bring their children to school, a telephone meeting will be conducted by a member of staff. The face-to-face meetings will be conducted following the Government and Trust's Health and Safety guidelines: parents will not be able to attend the meetings. More details will be sent explaining arrival and departure arrangements.

As the majority of staff will be in school meeting Key Stage 3 students, live lessons via Teams will not be scheduled and new work will not be set. Teachers will still be checking work submitted via email/ online platforms and giving feedback over these three days. All provision on and off site will cease on Wednesday 15th July to enable teachers to make final plans before the school closes for Summer on Friday 17th July.

The Department of Education released guidance today for September opening. The school is currently working through the implications of this and will be in contact when more firm plans have been agreed. We will endeavour to inform parents before the end of term, but as you know the situation may change and there may be a need for further communication over the Summer holidays.

Yours sincerely,

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