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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the Year 10 parents who have responded to our consultation regarding on-site support for students in the second half of the Summer term.

We have received very detailed and helpful feedback and understandably, parents have asked a wide range of questions about what we may be able to offer students and our procedures, to ensure social distancing and safety is prioritised for all of the school community. There is a very broad range of parental views about the benefits and challenges of students having time on-site, and we are reviewing and considering all the responses very carefully as we work towards finalising our plans.

Parents may also be aware of the continued national debate regarding school re-opening, much of it currently focused on the challenges faced by primary schools and the timescales in which this can safely be achieved. At this stage, we are still waiting for the Government to publish its guidance for secondary schools: this is essential information for us to be able to finalise our plans.

What has been a clear and consistent message from parents, and a message which is firmly echoed by our teachers, Governors and Leadership teams, is that the priority for our school is to ensure the safety of students, and staff. This in turn, will impact on the safety of our families and communities and is fundamental to our planning for on-site support for students.

Management of social distancing arrangements in schools is complex: it impacts on every aspect of the school and how we operate, and parents will understand that our normal routines and procedures will be substantially affected when we are able to bring students back into school.

Every part of students' experience is being carefully reviewed: from their journey to school and arrival, to hand hygiene arrangements, classroom seating plans, evacuation and first aid procedures as well as how we will best use the valuable time we have face to face with our students. This takes time, and we are extremely grateful for the support of our parents as we use the half term break, and the initial days in June to finalise our planning. There is also a promised update from the Government about school re-opening to take account of, currently scheduled for 28 May.

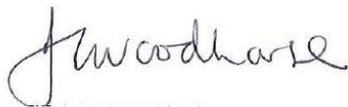
As soon as we are able to, and by Thursday 4 June at the latest, we will update parents on our plans. The extent of the feedback we have, and the wide range of parental views means that we feel the earliest we will be able to confidently welcome students back into school is likely to be the week beginning 22 June. Other local schools are currently looking at a similar timescale, and of course this is dependent on the levels of infection continuing to fall locally as well as nationally.

To provide additional support for students in the first couple of weeks after half term, teachers are planning to make individual phone calls to families. The first calls are likely to be from English,

Maths and Science teachers, with a second phase (covering Option subjects) to follow. We will provide more detail about these calls, and the support we hope this will provide, with our plans for face to face support on site.

For now, we wish all our students and families, a restful and safe half term break. We look forward to the time when we can welcome our students back and to hearing student voices once more in our classrooms and corridors. As always, if parents have any questions or need advice or support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Woodhouse". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Mrs Jan Woodhouse  
**Executive Headteacher**