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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the Prime Minister's address to the country on Sunday evening and subsequent developments, announcements and publications over the last few days, I am writing to update you and to inform you about Healing School's initial intentions.

The current government planning is that secondary schools may be able "to offer some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10 students" before the end of the school year. As I am sure you are aware, **this is very much dependent on the continuation of progress in containing the Coronavirus and the Government being clear that certain conditions have been met. For now, nothing has changed.**

Should progress on containing the Coronavirus continue to be positive, then the Prime Minister has indicated that secondary schools need to start planning to offer this "face-to-face contact" **from 1st June onwards.** Whilst some guidance and publications are now available, the government has also stated that they "will be consulting with sector representatives over the coming week in order to develop some suggested models to demonstrate how this could operate, which will be published along with further guidance for secondary schools **in the coming weeks.**" Thus, further information about how this may operate is awaited.

As I am sure you appreciate, the process of re-opening to year 10 pupils will require meticulous and careful consideration and planning in order to ensure that it is safe and fit for purpose for all members of 'Team Healing'. Therefore, this is **not** something that can realistically be planned and executed in the remaining time of this half-term. The school will only re-open to year 10 pupils, firstly when it is indicated that it is safe to do so by the government, and after that, only when the school is certain that all necessary plans are in place and steps have been undertaken to ensure that 'Team Healing' will be **safe** and we can consequently adhere to the guidance and considerations that are being given; and this will all take considerable time. The safety of our school community remains our priority, and whilst the school acknowledges the benefits this face-to-face contact may bring; the school will not allow safety to be compromised, and this will in fact be the key driver in any planning and decision-making we undertake.

The school recognises that the lack of full and comprehensive detail from the Government for secondary schools, and subsequently the ever-changing picture, may be causing concern and worry. As more detail and guidance emerges however, the school will continue to reflect on and analyse what this means for us and will make sure that we keep you up to date on any developments in planning and preparations.

As soon as we have any further information about a finalised re-opening date for year 10 pupils (which we are hopeful will be sometime next month), the school will be in touch again. In the meantime, please continue to encourage your child to complete all work set via our distance learning platform on our website.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding in such uncharted territory. We all look forward to being able to welcome back year 10 pupils in the near future.

I hope that you and your family remain safe and well.

Your sincerely

Mrs M. Dewland
Principal