

Dear Parents/Guardian,

**Re: Planning for the remainder of the term**

I would like to thank you for working with the school since the closure commenced and for all the support and encouragement you have provided in respect of the on-line learning both for your sons and their teachers. In these challenging times words of encouragement are always very welcome.

Following the Prime Minister's speech last weekend, the Department for Education published guidance on 11<sup>th</sup> May that set out an expectation that from 1<sup>st</sup> June pupils in Years 10 & 12 would be offered some face-to-face contact to supplement and support the on-line education which they are currently receiving. It is not envisaged that this face-to-face contact will see a return to full timetables, or pupils being required to come into school every day or that pupils will experience a normal six lesson day. Given the complexity of the issues that need to be addressed it is highly unlikely that any pupils will be required to come into school before the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> June. On-line provision will continue for all year groups except Years 11 & 13.

Although it is not explicit, the government's recent announcements make it less likely that other year groups (Years 7, 8 & 9) will return to school until September. Pupils in these year groups will continue to be supported through on-line learning and contact with staff until the end of the summer term.

For those with sons in Years 10 & 12 I am conscious that many of you will have very real concerns about your son returning to school. In the coming days the school will be putting in place arrangements to ensure that as far as possible pupils and the necessary number of staff will be able to return to the site safely and that we are able to offer a curriculum that consolidates and enhances the on-line learning that has taken place in recent weeks.

I will write to you again next week with details of how our planning is progressing. In the mean-time if you are asked to complete a questionnaire with regards the return to school of your son please can you do so as honestly as possible; by doing so you will greatly assist us in our planning.

I wish you all well during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely,

C. Parker  
Headmaster