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Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to write to you to wish you a happy half term. I hope you are all safe and well and the continued impacts of the Covid-19 virus are not causing you too many issues.

Yesterday the government published the following document, which I thought you might find helpful. It sets out some key advice and guidance for parents and carers of secondary aged students.

Help secondary school children continue their education during coronavirus (COVID-19)

Advice for parents and carers supporting the home learning of secondary school children (year 7 to 11).

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-secondary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

At the moment we are working on ensuring the site can be safe for having increased numbers of students in. The government have asked that depending on the national position with the COVID-19 virus we should provide some face-to-face support for Year 10 students **only** from 1 June.

Thank you to those Year 10 families who have contacted us following our questionnaire this week. The comments we have received are useful in helping us to plan for Year 10 students and what the provision will be. You will hear more on how we plan to offer this face-to-face support after half term.

We will not begin this on 1 June 1 so no Year 10 students will be expected on site on that date. More information will follow in the week beginning 1 June

There is no mention of when Year 7, 8 or 9 students will be expected to return to the academy. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed along the way. In the meantime, while I would stress it is important to have a break over half term, it is important that **ALL** students continue to access the work set by their teachers.



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The work set is important in keeping students up to date in their learning and in keeping good learning habits. Work is set in all subject areas, including Personal Development, and it is important students access this to help support with their mental health and wellbeing. **Remember, paperwork packs can be requested from the academy.**

Please continue to keep in contact with the academy about any concerns.

Many thanks for your continued support in these difficult times.

Stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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