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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well and keeping safe during this difficult time. I am writing to update you on the situation regarding our school re-opening after yesterday evening's announcement by the Prime Minister.

In the section of his speech concerning education he commented, ***"Our ambition is that secondary pupils facing exams next year will get at least some time with their teachers before the holidays"***. This would suggest that Years 10 and 12 **may** not be returning in the early part of June as was originally discussed by the Government. With regard to Years 7 to 9 there was no information given, therefore, I am unable to comment on when they are likely to return to school.

It is important to remember that **none of this is confirmed** by the Government. Please bear with us as there is much speculation and uncertainty as we move to the next phase of Covid-19 and await further information.

This is obviously a challenging time for everyone and I am sure you all have concerns for the safety of your children. I would like to reassure you that we will continue to prepare thoroughly in the event of a partial reopening (possibly Years 10 & 12 initially) ensuring all necessary Health & Safety procedures are put in place.

As it stands nothing will happen imminently and we will continue to monitor the situation closely and of course keep you updated of any further developments as they arise.

In the meantime, a real strength of our community has been the joint approach in which staff, parents/carers and children have worked together over the past weeks to ensure we are safe and have continued to support the learning of all our students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your hard work and continued efforts with home schooling as well as juggling work commitments and caring for family members.

Stay safe and take care.



Mr Ian Smyrk  
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