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Dear Families,

I am sure that many of you watched the Prime Minister's address to the nation in which he outlined the next steps for us to move out of the current lockdown situation. Whilst the immediate changes were modest, he did outline his proposals for the future in a number of areas, including schools.

I have spent much of the last week in meetings discussing what this will look like for us, and how we can implement a safe return to school for some of our students. With the caveat that this is all dependent on decisions that will ultimately be made by the government, and dependent on a fall in the transmission rate of Coronavirus, my current understanding is:

- Year 11 and Year 13 will not be returning to school. We are currently in the process of submitting centre-assessed grades that will be published on 13th August for Year 13 and 20th August for Year 11;
- There will be some face-to-face contact, in school, for Years 10 and 12 before the summer holiday. At the current time, I am working on how this will look, but we will continue to deliver online learning alongside any classroom-based teaching;
- It appears that Years 7 to 9 will not be returning to school before September 2020 at the earliest.

Whilst I am keen to welcome back as many students as possible and as soon as possible, I must reiterate that this will only happen when it is safe to do so. Between now and whenever students return to school, we will be doing all we can to ensure that the safety of both students and staff is an absolute priority. You can access the latest guidance to families from the Department for Education here (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>).

I appreciate that this is a very difficult time for everyone, and we will do everything that we can to support our students and their families. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything that you would like to discuss, and please be assured that, when we receive further clarity about how we will be able to offer schooling to more of our students, you will be informed as soon as possible.

I will write to you all again next Friday 22nd May 2020 to update you with our plans and any new developments for our school.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Schofield

Headteacher