



18th May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I do hope you and your family are well. I would like to thank you on behalf of our academy staff for supporting your children with their home learning since the start of the school closure period. I have been very proud of how the academy community has responded to the national situation in recent weeks.

Following all the news from government and in the media recently about the easing of the lockdown and the return to school for some students, I wanted to update you on the current situation and the plans we are putting in place here at Lord's Hill.

As a result of the latest government guidance, this is what we know about how school closures are likely to affect secondary school students:

- If your child is in years 7, 8 or 9, there will be no change to current arrangements in June or probably for the remainder of the summer term.
- If your child is in year 10, the majority of teaching for this term will remain remote.

For now, all parents should continue supporting their children's home learning. The government have made it clear that they do not expect secondary schools to reopen at this stage, but would like year 10 students to receive some face to face support before the summer holidays. This is of course subject to ongoing monitoring of the relevant health data and any opening could be further delayed. We are expecting further guidance from the Department for Education over the next two weeks and once this is received we will make detailed plans for this face to face support for year 10. Our current childcare provision for the children of critical workers and other eligible children will continue throughout this period.

Please note that next week (week beginning 25th May) is half-term, and teachers will not set work during this period. I can confirm that families eligible for free-school meals will continue to receive vouchers over the half-term period.

Please be assured that the safety of your family and of our staff is my number one priority. We will take measures, following government advice and beyond, to ensure that any opening for more children is done safely. I know that you will have many questions about returning to school, about how things will work in school in this 'new normal' environment. We understand that you will need to feel confident about the arrangements, and I will update you as soon as possible once I have further information.

Principal - Rob Forder

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I am grateful for your patience as we work on the necessary arrangements, and would like to thank you once again for your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Forder', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr Rob Forder
Principal