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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well as we come to the end of the half term and the 7th week of school closure. As the Prime Minister stated earlier this month he hopes to begin to open schools to some year groups in primary school from 1 June 2020. At secondary level the hope is that Year 10 and 12 students will receive some 'face to face contact' before the summer holidays.

Whilst continuously developing and improving our on-line learning provision on TEAMS over the past half term, we have been busy planning in the background for a safe and gradual reintroduction of students and staff to our school site. We continue to proceed carefully with these plans, putting the health of our children and staff first. Our school is unique in many ways: size, site layout, current construction projects and the reliance on school transport for almost 70% of our students, all of which have to be carefully considered as we plan to open up safely to more students and staff, in line with the Government's road map to gradually bring the country out of lockdown.

We have also been working closely with all educational partners during this time and have made the plans outlined on page 2, based on guidance from Nova Education Trust, Nottinghamshire County Council and the DfE. Our Local Governing Body and the Nova Education Trust Directors, support this very gradual and measured plan, with staff and students' safety at its centre.

The details of these plans continue to develop as we receive more guidance from the Government and I will share them with you as soon as we have a comprehensive picture, but in the meantime, I felt it would be useful to provide an overview of what we expect next month to look like, so you too can plan and make decisions around your home and work situations. You will see our steps are very gradual and adaptable so we can respond to guidance as it is released and prioritise the safety and well-being of everyone involved. Before any return to school for students we will share the specific measures we are taking to minimise the risk with you, so you and your child will be fully informed. We will of course, continue to update you as the situation evolves.

On Thursday 21 May 2020 the Government released some guidance on helping secondary school children continue their education at home and this may be found on the link below: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-secondary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

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Thank you for your continued support during this time. Please insist that your children take a complete break from school work during half term, including from assignments that may be incomplete or overdue by the end of this week.

Take care.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Paley
Head of School



Mrs T Pedlar
Chair of Governors

Half term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No school work will be set on TEAMS to ensure students, parents and staff have a well-deserved break
Week commencing 1 st June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work will be set for all year groups on TEAMS to restart remote learning as before half term, including Year 11 bridging work.• Year 10 students will receive one to one communication from school based tutors and the pastoral team, with a focus on pupils' wellbeing. (Details of this communication will be shared with Year 10 parents imminently)• Staff will attend Health and Safety, and Routine Operations training on site• Children of key workers continue to be supervised in school.
Week commencing 8 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work will continue to be set for all year groups on TEAMS• Year 10 tutor calls to continue and one to one communication from subject teachers to commence (Details of this communication will be shared with Year 10 parents nearer the time)• Year 12 students will receive one to one communication from school based tutors and the pastoral team. (Details of this communication will be shared with Year 12 parents nearer the time)• Children of key workers continue to be supervised in school.
Week commencing 15 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work will continue to be set for all year groups on TEAMS• Year 10 students will continue to receive detailed one to one communication from their school based subject teachers• Year 12 students will receive one to one communication from school based subject teachers,• Children of key workers continue to be supervised in school.

Details of plans for future weeks will be shared as more guidance is received from the Government.