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Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that this communication finds you and your family safe and well during what continues to be a massively challenging time for all of us.

You will be aware from the Government announcements last week that a phased return is planned from 15th June and face-to-face support for students in years 10 and 12, has been discussed. This will be to supplement their continued online learning through to July, however, will not involve any kind of normal or full timetable being run - with the whole year group unlikely to be on site at the same time. Additional information concerning safeguarding, health and safety and other planning documents intended to support schools in re-opening were published at various points last week which we are using to inform our planning.

I must add at this very early stage of policy announcement nothing is set in stone and there is currently a considerable amount of communication occurring between local authorities and education related professional associations with the Department for Education, to seek greater clarification on these announcements and the guidance published so far.

For Years 7, 8 and 9 it now looks likely that they will not physically return to school at all until September and will therefore continue with their online learning. We await further guidance before making any decisions and will advise you as soon as possible with plans for year 10 and 12.

Whatever the final details do end up being, I would like to take the opportunity to remind you that our overriding priority at Hanson continues to be the wellbeing and safety of our students and staff. We will work with you to ensure that this remains the case over the coming weeks, whilst we also continue to offer as high quality an online education provision as we can in these very challenging times.

We accept that each family's individual circumstances are different and that some parents/carers may be reluctant to send their child back to school if, for example, another family member's health may be compromised as a result. Please be reassured that we remain committed to supporting the education of all our students irrespective of whether that is at school or home and as such, remote learning will continue.

In addition, it continues to be an expectation that schools will continue to provide full-time provision for vulnerable children and the children of key workers. We remain open during the half-term break (including the bank holiday) and for the foreseeable future for our key worker and vulnerable children at Hanson.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you and your family are keeping well.

Kind regards,



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