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Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope you are all well. I am writing as I am sure you have seen over the past week that there continues to be media speculation about schools re-opening. At this time, we have not received any information regarding this, as the Government aims to set out a plan this Sunday evening, which may include information about schools. All the guidance is aimed at Mainstream schools and there has been very little information for schools like ours. I want to reassure you that whatever information is shared, I will ensure that we plan effectively and as safely as possible.

The Government has stated that schools will probably be asked to open in phases, focussing on key year groups, but this could be different for special schools. Whatever these groups are, it will mean that school will not operate as we would normally expect, for a while at least. It is highly likely that we will have to ensure social distance in classrooms, which will mean, for example less pupils in each class. This may mean that it will probably not be possible for your child to return to the teacher or class they had before lockdown, although we will review this as and when guidelines are shared. Additionally, some of our staff and pupils will not be able to return to school yet as they are still being asked to self-isolate or shield until it is safe for them to return. Again this will impact on who is available to teach.

Whatever the proposal the Government makes on Sunday, I and the Senior Leadership Team will start planning and along with staff at Hornbeam we will do our utmost to create a safe learning environment for those children who return. For the others, work will continue to be set and monitored online.

Once again, I would like to thank all the staff that are all working hard to make sure there is work for the children. I would also like to thank all of you for supporting your children and staying in contact with the staff from school.

Try and enjoy the bank holiday, stay safe, stay well and stay in.

Yours faithfully,



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