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Dear Parents/Carers

Preparing for the Wider Opening of School

I hope that you and your family are safe and well. I would like to thank you for your ongoing participation in online learning and for your support of the school at this time.

You will be aware that schools are set to partially reopen from the 1st June, assuming that national criteria have been met. The government have said they will only make the final decision on whether to press ahead with the reopening of schools when it reviews the latest scientific evidence on May 28, and that if the evidence does not support the decision to reopen at that time, it will be delayed.

Information was released on Monday 11 May and is being updated daily. For secondary schools, the guidance states we should 'offer **some** face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of **Year 10 and Year 12 students** who are due to take key exams next year...' We have therefore begun to plan the logistics of how this may work and to ensure an appropriate risk assessment is in place ready for the wider opening of the school whenever that may be. I want to reassure students, parents/carers and staff that we will only open when we are satisfied that we have adequate protections and systems in place.

The education of all students remains at the heart of the work we are undertaking, and we support the prioritisation of Years 10 and 12 as they approach their examination year. Our aim with the introduction of face to face learning in school is to provide some quality learning experiences for students with specialist subject teachers and to support students to re-establish school routines. Work will continue to be set online for all students and, where possible, we are encouraging more live lessons. I am not in a position to give you a detailed plan for Year 10 and 12 yet. This will be developed over the next few days - we absolutely want to make sure we have robust procedures in place.

Years 10 and 12 represent over 350 students and, as you can imagine, this poses a logistical challenge to ensure teaching whilst also abiding by social distancing guidelines. Provision will be carefully planned so it can be as safe as possible for students and staff and so will be part time initially. The main provision will remain online learning.

To help with our planning we would like an indication of which Year 10 and 12 students will be attending. Whilst attendance is encouraged, there will be no consequence for non attendance. **If provision were restarted on the week beginning 1st June and you have a son/daughter in Years 10 or 12, please could you let us know if they would attend by completing the brief survey** found here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FBKWiderOpening>

The survey should be completed by **Friday 22 May 2020**. This will allow us to plan effectively and also give you the opportunity to express any concerns you may have. This is an exercise we will ask you to complete on a weekly basis as circumstances change.

Once we have completed a risk assessment and have attendance information, we will form a detailed plan and will be in touch with more details.

Returning to school is a difficult process for the school, students and parents/carers. The balance of returning to education and supporting efforts to control the Coronavirus is a challenge as well as managing the impact that lockdown has had on us all. We are keen to support the students in the most appropriate way possible and the Fullbrook community as a whole. We look forward to seeing the students and hope that we can move safely towards this after half-term.

Yours faithfully



Mrs K Moore
Principal