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Dear Parent/Carer,

Update on possible return of Year 10 students to school, from 1st June

I hope you and your families are well. I would like to thank you for your support and understanding so far, during these strange and difficult times.

You will be aware that the government has started to plan for the return to school for some students after the half-term break. For our school, the only year group we are being asked to plan for is Year 10, therefore at this stage it appears that Years 7, 8 and 9 will continue to study at home until the end of term in July.

At the moment, the government has not confirmed that it will definitely be safe to return on 1st June - they are currently stating that it will be no earlier than 1st June. We are also aware the professional associations representing school employees have significant concerns about the safety of their members as more students start to return, which may have a bearing on the decision. At this stage, we are not able to confirm whether your child will be able to start returning to school on 1st June, but we anticipate being in touch again soon, when the situation becomes clearer.

It is very clear we will need to ensure social distancing measures are in place so that students are as safe as possible when they start returning to school. Among other things we have been advised to greatly reduce class sizes. This means we will not be able to have the whole of Year 10 in school at the same time, so instead they will most likely be attending on a part-time basis. Although there is much that is still to be established, I feel it is only fair to make this point clear from the outset.

Whilst our planning for a return to school, after 1st June, has been quite extensive so far, we want to be sure it complies with all guidance issued to date. Furthermore, we need to be sure there is not likely to be additional guidance issued which will force us to amend plans, after we have issued them to you. An aspect of our planning you can help us with is letting us know of your intentions, when your child is invited back to school. If your current intentions are to **not send your child in to school** after half-term, **please email** year10@marywebbschool.com. You just need to let us know your child's name and form group. If we do not receive an email from you, we will be working under the impression your child will attend school again, once we have confirmed our plans.

I will write to you again with more information as soon as the guidance from the government is more definite. Until then, please feel free to look at the information for parents and carers, issued earlier this week, by the government: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>.

On behalf of the staff and governors, thank you for all you are doing to support the education of your child. I hope you continue to stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

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