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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your families are well.

I am writing to you with an interim update on the progress we have made towards a potential reopening of school for Year 10 students, sometime after Monday 1st June 2020. I am sure you are aware the government will make an announcement on Thursday 28th May, which will determine whether any schools are permitted to open from Monday 1st June 2020. I can therefore confirm **we will not reopen or partially reopen for Year 10 students on Monday 1st June.**

Our current plans are to give you 2 weeks' notice of our partial reopening to Year 10 students. I will write to you again to communicate this, so please monitor your email accounts and the school website for this.

If we are able to partially reopen for Year 10 students, we have made the following arrangements:

- Form groups will be invited in for a full school day once per week, over a 4 week period. At present this will be:
 - 10B – Monday
 - 10K – Tuesday
 - 10C – Wednesday
 - 10S – Thursday

This timetable will enable all Year 10s to have contact with their class teachers for all subjects at least twice, over the 4 week period. It is provisional at this stage and we may need to change it following further government guidance.

- The school day and procedures will look different. You will find an example of how the days will look attached to this letter. Procedurally, the following will be implemented in order support physical (social) distancing and other precautionary measures.
 - Students to proceed immediately to the main hall upon arrival in school (all seats spaced with a minimum of 2 metres) to register, in place of normal form rooms
 - Limits of 8 students per classroom
 - Markers in corridors and yard area to show 2 metre distance
 - One-way system in the corridors
 - Increased time between lessons to move between classrooms
 - Reduced break and lunch time
 - Limits to numbers on tables in dining room (3 to a table)
 - Desks and door handles cleaned after each lesson
 - Exercise books will not be taken in, students will keep them
 - All toilet facilities are open for students on site (not restricted to key stages)

As with the timetable, there may be a need to amend or add to these, following further advice and guidance from the government

- There are other differences, such as students wearing their PE kit (with sensible tracksuit bottoms), instead of uniform and students being required to keep their school bags with them at all times, as opposed to using the cloakroom.

A number of parents/carers have already communicated their intention to keep their child at home and not return at all, in the final after half of the term, even if we are able to reopen to Year 10s. If you are still undecided, or have made a decision to not send your child in to school, please ensure you have emailed year10@marywebbschool.com to make us aware of your plans.

If your child normally travels in by bus, we understand this provision will continue, on the day your child is scheduled to come in to school, in the event we reopen. However, it would aid our planning if it is your intention to bring your child to school and collect them, instead of using the bus service on the day your child may be invited in to school.

Miss Weston has written to all parents in relation to the learning from home you are all supporting your child with. It contains an update on what we have learned from the survey many parents contributed to. I know your child's teachers are working hard to support all the students in our school, but if you feel there is anything additional you or your child needs to support their educational needs, please make sure you contact us. If it relates to a single subject, it is best to contact the subject teacher and subject leader. If it relates to more than one subject, or is not directly related to a subject, then it is best to contact your child's form tutor and Mr Jervis.

Thank you again for all your ongoing support, it is greatly appreciated by all in the school community. We will continue to successfully navigate these challenging circumstances through the work we do together to support our children.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'PJLW', written over a horizontal line.

Mr P J Lowe-Werrell
Headteacher