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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please read the following information carefully.

Possible re-opening of school to Year 10 / 12 students:

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday evening, you will be aware that high schools are being asked to consider how best to introduce some 'face to face' time with teachers for Year 10 and Year 12 students over the coming weeks.

Our school is now considering how to respond to this request. The priority for our school is that we put the health and safety of our pupils, families and staff first. This means that we have to look carefully at what will work in practice, how many of our staff are available to work and how we can best manage small groups of students from these year groups coming into school.

We must also consider the needs of all our other pupils who have been asked to remain at home. We want to ensure that these pupils continue to receive sufficient support whilst working at home.

Any return to school will be in carefully managed stages, and students are likely to return for only part of the week so that we can limit numbers of students on site and maintain social distancing. Please be assured that as soon as we have received further guidance and developed our own plans, I will contact you again with further information.

In the meantime, our status is as it has been since the 23rd March – our school is only open for those children of Critical Workers who need to be cared for while their parent(s) are at work and for those children who have an EHCP and / or social worker.

18th May - 22nd May 2020 - 'Catch Up Week':

We have listened to your feedback about how some students are finding it hard to keep up with work. We have therefore designated next week (18th – 22nd May) as a 'catch up week', where little or no new work will be set, and students will have the opportunity to catch up on work previously set by teachers. There will also be little or no work set over half term, although students who are up-to-date with their work, will have access to links for independent, extension work should they wish to continue their studies.

School Closure over half term:

We will not be open over half term (25th May - 29th May 2020) so it will not be possible to come into school during this time. If you are a critical / key worker and you need childcare for your child during this week so that you can go to work, you can contact the Family Information Service who can advise on other settings that will be open. This also applies if your child has an EHCP and / or social worker and you would prefer them to be in a setting outside of the home. The Family Information Service can be contacted on:

Family Information Service 020 8825 5588 children@ealing.gov.uk www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk

Mr Thompson-Davis:

Thank you for the messages of support and condolence for Mr Thompson-Davis's family. Please remind your child to contribute to the virtual book of condolence which is on the student VLE. We will be sharing all messages posted with Mr Thompson-Davis's family.

<u>Support with learning or emotional / mental health:</u>

Please remember that we are here for you if you require any support with remote learning or with emotional / mental health or bereavement at this time. Please contact your child's Year Leader, Form Tutor, Mrs Grimley, Ms Johal, Mr Laryea, Mr Harvey, Mr Jones (for Post 16) or myself at any time.

With my best wishes at this difficult time,

Mrs M Pye

Headteacher