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Dear Parents and Carers

I had hoped not to have to write to all parents and carers over half term. Whilst this letter mainly concerns Year 10 and Year 12, there is information relevant for all families.

I am sure by now many of you will be aware that the Cabinet Office has changed the advice given to secondary schools. This was announced at the press briefing by the Prime Minister on Sunday afternoon, 24<sup>th</sup> May.

The current advice for secondary schools is that “some contact” will now not start until Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, with schools opening to no more than a quarter of students in these year groups at one time. This is a departure from the originally advised date of 1<sup>st</sup> June. The Prime Minister confirmed that the formal decision would be taken as part of the three-week review into the lockdown measures, scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> May.

In my letters of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May, I indicated to you that there was still a degree of uncertainty over future educational provision. Over the weekend I discussed the matter with the Chair of Governors. We were of the view that it was unfair to leave students and parents second-guessing, particularly as the impact of the secondary guidance has yet to be considered. We have concluded that, in light of the announcement this weekend, irrespective of any nuances announced as part of the three-week review into the lockdown measures on 28<sup>th</sup> May, we will not start face to face contact until Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June for Year 10 and Year 12.

## Commencing Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

- Remote learning will recommence for all year groups.
- By way of reassurance, for those families that have booked provision for vulnerable children and children of key workers, this will continue as planned.
- Access to school will continue for the limited number of Sixth Form students who require specialist support.

## Commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June

- For year 10 and Year 12 it is still our intention to follow the plan we have set out in my letter dated the 18<sup>th</sup> May, subject to any further government guidance  
<https://www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Letter-to-Year-10-and-Year-12-Parents-18.5.20.pdf>

I will write to parents and carers in Year 10 and 12 next week providing you with more details of the post 15<sup>th</sup> June provision.

Before Year 10 and Year 12 start to access in-school provision, it is our intention to publish an outline plan taking students to the end of term. The secondary guidance will inform this.

Finally, I appreciate this situation has caused further uncertainty for families; the manner in which information is released to schools from the Cabinet Office makes this difficult for all of us.

Best wishes and enjoy the half term.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Quinn', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mr M Quinn  
**Headteacher**