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Dear Parents and Carers

I said I would drop you a short note following the Governing Body meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May. The Governors met and reviewed the school plans for limited face-to-face contact in school for Year 10 and Year 12 after 1<sup>st</sup> June. They were content that the school had put in place the necessary control measures.

Thank you to all parents who completed the on-line survey, this has helped with the decision making process.

Results of the survey in summary:

- 242 responses from a population size of just over 330.
- 181 parents indicated that they would be happy for students to return.
- 61 parents expressed a concern; 45% of these have a critically vulnerable family member.
- Of the parents that expressed a concern, the majority wanted more information from the Government or a reduction in infection rates to help make a further decision.

The Governors were also conscious that between now and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June, the advice from the Government and Local Authority may change. Unfortunately, the next Government review is not due until 28<sup>th</sup> May, during half term. At this point there may be factors outside the control of the school such as the local 'R' rate, the availability of testing and tracking as well as the ability for pupils and staff to travel to and from school safely, that may necessitate a review of the position. Having a detailed plan at this stage provides us with time to react.

In the meantime, before 28<sup>th</sup> May, I will publish on our website the plan indicating which groups are in school from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. This will provide students and families with time to prepare. Parents in Year 10 will also receive an email so we can refine permissions related to students leaving site before the end of the day.

Our emergency provision will continue after half term, as will the specific interventions we are undertaking with some students in Year 12.

I appreciate that there is still a degree of uncertainty in the current arrangements. I am sure you would agree that it is important that the school plans for a phased return, even if this has to be postponed to a later date.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Quinn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr M Quinn  
**Headteacher**