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Dear Parent/Carer

22nd May 2020

I hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well. I would also like to thank you for the role you are taking in home-schooling your children. This is a difficult task when you are having to juggle so many other things as well.

Further to my last letter, following the Government's announcement that secondary schools across England are being asked to offer some face to face support during the last half term to Year 10 and 12 students to supplement their remote learning, I am writing to update you on the current situation at Abbey Grange.

We are planning what a partial return to school will look like to ensure that students and staff are safe and reintegrate slowly. We are developing detailed and comprehensive risk assessments in the event that we may re-open to some Year 10 and 12 students before the end of this academic year. We are also planning a recovery curriculum which will take into account issues of well-being, as well as support for continued learning.

We do not have plans to re-open the building to Y10 and 12 students on the 1st June. We are awaiting further guidance from the Government about the phased re-opening of secondary schools. Regular planning meetings are being held by Leeds City Council and we are represented at these meetings. Thanks to feedback from our Year 10 and 12 parents, we know that quite a lot of you would be prepared for your child to come into school, although we know that you also have many concerns about how this would work. We will only open our Academy if we are fully confident that we can keep our students and staff safe and comply with Government guidance at that time.

Our priority is the health and safety of our community and therefore we will await additional guidance and keep you informed of any changes as they occur.

Our provision for vulnerable students and the children of key workers will continue, as it has done since lockdown started. If your child is not one of the students that has already been attending school, please do not start sending them in, without first having a conversation with us.

Given that all of our students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will continue to receive remote learning, we are working with our subject leaders to look at how we can make this as good as possible, and also as accessible as possible. Remote learning is new for all of us, so please bear with us as we review what has happened thus far, and implement any improvements that we can make.

School will be closed over half term, and I hope that you and your family will be able to enjoy the good weather that we have been having, despite the ongoing restrictions.

Yours faithfully

Jon Norden
Principal

