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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

Re: Arrangements for Students After Half-Term including Y10 and Y12

I thought you would appreciate an update with regards to planning for after half-term. As I am sure you have surmised, the gap in updates has been occupied by careful planning behind the scenes, including liaising with governors and other New Forest headteachers and college principals.

As yet (1200 Wednesday 20th May) we have not received the secondary guidance from the Department for Education around the expectations for a phased reopening of schools. This is despite being told on Sunday 10th May that schools should plan to provide “some face to face support” for students in Year 10 and Year 12.

As you can imagine, there is significant complexity in meeting the needs of children in school while the majority remain at home receiving online education. This has meant we have had to plan for a range of eventualities, one of which is that, the government’s three weekly review to be held on 28th May 2020, may conclude that schools should remain shut on scientific evidence.

As a result, and in order to help parent/carers plan ahead and make appropriate arrangements, we will **not be opening the school in any form during the week beginning 1st June** except to those students who are children of key workers, or who are identified as being otherwise eligible to attend school.

I know you all share our concern as a school community about the current situation and are worried about the long-term consequences of children being away from their teachers. We all hope to see Year 10 and Year 12 back in school as soon as it is safe to do so.

In the meantime, I encourage students to fully engage with the online materials being set on Firefly. We very much value the support of parents and carers in helping their children with maintaining a passion for learning.

Yours faithfully

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