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Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus Update 15

With the high school and its students returning to work after the half term break I thought I should write to share my thoughts about how we may operate in the longer term.

As many of you will have seen for yourselves, there has been much to admire in the effort and achievements of our students during the lockdown. The situation has challenged each one of us. Many across the school community – and within that I include parents and teachers as well as the students themselves – have responded with busyness, energy and imagination. Nevertheless, we all long for the vitality and the stimulus which comes from being here on the site together. The sooner we can get back to that the better.

Although it is far from certain when this will be possible, we have been preparing for the day when a safe reopening becomes realistic. These discussions now need to move beyond the senior staff. A re-opening committee has been formed with its membership, as you see, providing the different perspectives which detailed practical plans will require.

The detail is all important. I want the committee to look carefully and thoroughly at what we can offer to years 10 and 12 over the remaining weeks of this term and at schemes for a safe general reopening in September.

The reopening committee will meet for the first time this week and I expect it to meet at least weekly after that. Its members are:

Alan Fisher	Chair of Governors
Kath Bowen	Parent Governor
Karen Langridge	Governor (with a child in Year 10)
Andy Millicheap	Staff Governor
Mike Tibbits	Staff Governor
Sarah Habberton	Assistant Head of Sixth Form (also representing the teacher unions)
Angie Savage	Resources Manager
Kerry Moogan	Site Manager (also representing the support staff unions)
Jeanette Lowe	HR Manager
Natalie Waters	Headteacher

Members of the school's Senior Leadership Team will also attend meetings when it may be helpful.

When there are more specific proposals to share I shall be sure to let you know. In the meantime my renewed thanks for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Natalie Waters