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Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to the letter on May 15th from our Trust CEO, Nicky Edmondson, I am writing to confirm that places continue to be available for Key Worker and Vulnerable children from June 1st. The latest government guidance is that eligible parents should now take up those places. Keyworker and Vulnerable children are actively encouraged to return.

We will provide a place booking sheet for you to do this and I would ask that this is return it by Saturday 23rd May so we can safely plan places.

I can also confirm that the expansion of opening to include Year 10 students will not happen before June 15th, at the earliest. Our Trust is still awaiting government guidance on opening for Y10 students and preparations are still being made regarding the risks and how to mitigate against them. As soon as more news is available, I will let you know. As you would expect, ensuring that the students and staff that are able to be in school are kept safe is our Trusts priority.

I know that Year 10 parents have requested details of GCSEpod webinars and can confirm that new dates are available. Sign up details are below.

PARENT WEBINAR - Introduction to GCSEPod

May 21, 5:00 PM - https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Jhb4DKAwRbChxt9C7-X9BQ

May 28, 12:00 PM - https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ic7sPQCWTI-IPUxGICt2tg

Jun 4, 5:00 PM - https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZhgXywxzQ8C4K6yC2VcK1w

Jun 11, 9:30 AM - https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xp8TItAHREqBv6TWDKR85Q

Jun 15, 12:00 PM - https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gtfa0fuwR8mmyAbsBT_ACw

Jun 23, 5:30 PM - https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_u5yd852DRyy1OFCaz9xn3A

I am pleased to say that a large proportion of the teaching staff in school have been on the phones again this week, either providing support on the reception helpline or making direct contact with pupils and parents. Whilst our main aim is to check student's wellbeing, we are also able to take feedback on our remote learning and we will be using this to inform how we deliver learning in Term 6. I know it was "thank a teacher day" on May 20th but staff across the school are pulling together to make we are caring for all our students. Parents can also get help on the reception line: 0117 9527100, whether that is with issues at home, including IT issues, queries about homework or just how to support students with home learning. Members of SLT are always on the phone between 8.30am and 4 pm

I am also pleased to report that we have been able to secure, as a school, several laptops for students without any IT access. Getting supplies has been a challenge but we are beginning to make a difference and provide some digital equality.

Finally, as we come to the end of Term 5. I want to take the chance to thanks parents for their role in home learning. I know it is a tremendous challenge, but your continued support is invaluable for our young people.

Regards



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