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Dear Parents / Carers

You may well have heard Education Secretary Gavin Williamson's announcement last Friday suggesting that pupils in England will return to school full-time in September. He stated that the Government was "signed up ... to bring every child back, in every year group, in every school".

BBC News has published a brief article on this announcement: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-53113201>

This is very welcome news - we miss our pupils and look forward to having more of them back with us on site as soon as possible. However, the Government has yet to publish guidance for secondary schools on what this return might look like and how the protective measures that are currently in place will need to be modified going forward. It may be that while being open to all pupils, a number of schools' usual practices or timings will need to change; conversely, we may be more 'back to normal' than the current context would suggest. Further information is expected over the next fortnight; I will update families as soon as we know more and can start making more detailed plans.

The full press conference can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SF21GEfAg8c&feature=youtu.be>

In the meantime it has been wonderful to welcome back our Year 10 pupils on their sessional rota and we are working to expand their provision where resources and restrictions allow. I have seen some fantastic examples of the work that pupils of all ages are completing remotely and hope that all pupils continue to make good use of the learning set for them via Google Classrooms over the remaining weeks of term.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely



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