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Dear Parents and Carers

On Sunday evening the Prime Minister gave his briefing regarding the easing of some of the lockdown restrictions and the Department for Education subsequently released a range of guidance for schools. However, the situation remains extremely complex and we are mindful of the need to prioritise the health and wellbeing of all members of our school community.

The Prime Minister shared his ambition that children in Years 10 and 12 may be able to receive some face to face contact with teachers in order to support their remote learning prior to the summer holidays. My colleagues and I continue to work in school on a daily basis in order to develop detailed plans to facilitate the safe return to school for these children.

I therefore wish to confirm that the situation at Oldershaw currently remains exactly the same as it was when first implemented on Monday 23rd March. We remain open to those groups of students previously identified as:

- being the family of key workers
- vulnerable students

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents that we continue to encourage the use of Microsoft Teams for all children to engage with learning set by their teachers; paper-based resources have also been made available for all families who have requested them. In addition to providing teaching and learning resources, there is regular contact between staff and families to support their wellbeing during this challenging time.

Whilst we appreciate that these are incredibly difficult times, the support you are showing to Oldershaw so that education can be as effective as possible, is very much appreciated. As soon as there are changes to the current arrangements, we will keep you informed via email and updates to the school website. However, please be assured that we remain focused on the safe return to school for all children after the government has authorised it.

In these testing times, thank you once again for your continued support and we wish you and your families well.

Yours faithfully

J M Bush
Principal