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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your family and friends are well.

Over the week we have been working closely within the trust, City of York Council and the wider community of York schools in line with the government ambition to further enhance provision for pupils in year 10 and 12. We have been asked by the government to provide some face to face support for pupils in these year groups. We will continue to offer online teaching to all pupils in all year groups as well as school places for vulnerable pupils and those whose parents are key workers.

The safety of your children and members of staff are paramount. This has always been the case and is obviously at the forefront of our planning. The need to maintain social distancing is central to managing risk. The numbers of pupils we have in school at any one time needs to be appropriate for the school environment and the staffing levels we have available.

There is still a need for further clarity at a national level before we can finalise plans. Unions have been and continue to engage in discussions with central government. They are meeting with government scientific advisors today to seek assurances on safety. This will enable them to further advise their members and inform engagement with the re-opening of schools.

I appreciate there are many questions to be answered but it would be helpful if as a parent or carer of a year 10 or year 12 pupil you complete the survey that can be found on the link that will be forwarded to you separately. We are asking if you intend sending your son or daughter into school for face to face support. It would be to an environment where we would have clear systems in place to support social distancing and follow strict standards of hygiene. This does not commit you to attending, it is simply an early indicator to inform planning.

Thank you to all pupils who have completed the well-being survey. We were able to gather a good insight into how pupils are feeling and what they are doing during this time. It was good to see how much reading was happening and the impressive amount of exercise that was going on. We were also able to identify pupils who were finding the situation difficult and contact families to offer support. We will continue sending the survey on a regular basis asking about different aspects of pupils' experiences. As always, please do contact the school if you have concerns about your child or you would like some wider support. We do know how challenging these circumstances are and we will always try our best to help.

Can I please direct year 11 pupils who are looking to return into the sixth form to our website, where there is more information on transition materials.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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