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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family are well. Since last week we had an announcement around a significant relaxation of lockdown restrictions from July 4th

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing-after-4-july>

The new guidance makes it clear that the government's plan is for all students to return to school in September. What is not clear is what restrictions, if any, schools will return under. We await further guidance from The Department of Education which I hope will be published soon so that we can plan within government parameters and inform parents and carers about the provision we are able to offer.

Currently, we continue to work under the guidance for Secondary School Provision from 15th June 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-secondary-schools>

Hence, we are not able to bring any more children on to the school site until this guidance changes.

Last Friday the government also announced a £1 billion catch up plan to address the disruption to children's education during the pandemic.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/billion-pound-covid-catch-up-plan-to-tackle-impact-of-lost-teaching-time>

Again, we await further guidance on the delivery of the plan. We do know that the intention is for the additional money to be spent across the academic year 2020/2021. £350 million of the funds will be for targeted quality tuition for the most disadvantaged young people.

We continue to plan within school and in collaboration with YSAB for September. Within our curriculum provision we have identified specific areas of key learning that are prerequisites for further progression with subject areas. We are focusing on ensuring that these are secure going forward. It is important that we identify any learning gaps our pupils may have and target support appropriately. We believe within the current climate and lack of government guidance around funding this is best done by our pupils' teachers on their return. Hence, like all York schools we will not be running specific catch up summer schools.

We have worked with Class Charts to make it easier for parents and carers to check that pupils have submitted work. Work that should be submitted by pupils will have 'Submission Required' in the title. Following the due date you will be able to see that this has been submitted or not submitted. Where there is concern about non completion of work, we will contact home. It is important as we prepare to return to school that good habits are maintained or reinstated. The link below will take you to a video explaining how to upload work and access feedback. We are finding some pupils are missing the feedback teachers are giving and hopefully this video will help rectify the problem.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9a28az7m-c>

Yours sincerely



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