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Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope that this letter finds you all well and in good spirits.

You will no doubt have heard Boris Johnson's announcement on Sunday evening. The Department for Education then put out a range of documents that provided more information about the government's proposals for extending the opening of schools from June 1st. All of this documentation is available online, but you may be most interested in the information for parents and carers, which can be read here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parentsand-carers>

Whilst all of these documents contain more information, there is no precise detail about the expectations on schools and pupils of returning to school. The guidance issued states that Year 10s should expect 'the possibility' of some 'face-to-face' contact with school staff and that they should be prioritised because they are sitting their GCSEs in 2021. However, it is not yet clear what this contact will mean in practice - schools and local authorities are interpreting it as best they can. It is also clear that the date of June 1st is not a guaranteed starting point for the return of Year 10, but the 'earliest' point from which this contact may begin only if it is safe and practical to do so. The guidance given by the government is provisional and it will change in response to the 'R number' of the virus over the coming weeks.

We are, therefore, continuing to plan for various eventualities in June and July. I would like to reinforce that this is something we are doing collaboratively. We will proceed carefully and calmly, being very clear that very little in this situation is certain, but with the shared understanding that the over-arching priority is the health and wellbeing of all members of our school community. I appreciate that this is very difficult for you, our families, who face additional stresses and uncertainty at this time, but I am sure that you recognise the need for great caution and patience.

Whatever we decide to do from June 1st (if we are in a position to extend our opening at all) will be very different to school as we normally know it, but we will prioritise pastoral care and put all of our efforts into supporting, continuing and improving home learning. I must emphasise, however, that I cannot envisage that Year 10 will return en masse in the week beginning June 1st, however much we might all want to see this happen. Of course, it is not just about Year 10; we are continuing to support other year groups' home learning experience and are implementing plans for supporting Year 6 pupils with their transition to All Hallows. We also recognise the importance for Year 11 of having the chance to say goodbye properly and celebrate their time at school.

Our school remains open for the children of key workers and vulnerable pupils as it has been since March 20th. Please continue to communicate with us through the usual channels to ensure that your child attends if they have no safe alternative. If you are unsure whether or not they are eligible to attend please contact us by emailing studentservices@allhallowsrc.co.uk.

Over the next few days and weeks, we will ensure that you are updated on our developing plans and that pupils are kept abreast of developments. Should you have any comments that you would like us to take on board, please share them by emailing school.

I am very grateful for your support and patience at this time. We will take our next steps together, however cautiously, as the family of All Hallows.

God bless and take care of you all,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A. Cavanagh'.

A Cavanagh
Head Teacher