Dear Parent / Carer

First of all, I hope that you and your family are well.  Thank you once again for your continued support over recent weeks.

Following Sunday’s announcement by the Government, and a further update yesterday (which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020/actions-for-education-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020>), we await specific guidance from the Department of Education and the Local Authority on the plan for re-opening secondary schools.

It is very important to stress that, at this time, nothing has changed and schools remain closed for all children other than those in identified key groups. There is no set date for students to return to school as yet. If we are given a date, we will share it with you as quickly as we can.

In the meantime, we continue to set work through Sharepoint and our Pastoral team are attempting to make contact with every student in the school every week, to provide additional support for individual students as required. A virtual transition programme is taking place to welcome our newest students, and we contine to support year 11 students to progress to the next stage of their education.

We are also supporting students who would normally receive FSM through the Government’s Edenred voucher scheme. Please note that if your circumstances have changed and you believe that your child may qualify for FSM, you can find more information and apply here: <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/council-tax-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals>

Please be assured that the safety of children, families and staff is our priority.  The school’s leaders, including governors, recognise the importance and the seriousness of the decision to re-open the school to more children.  At all times we will be guided by Government advice and our overriding focus will be on ensuring that school is a safe place for both staff and pupils.

Finally, thank you for your support during this time. Some of the messages we have received from parents have been filled with kindness and are much appreciated. As always, please do get in touch if you have any questions or would like any extra support.

Stay safe.



Charlie Johnson

Principal