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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Latest information about a possible date for the return to school

As you will be aware from the media, on Wednesday, the Prime Minister announced that it will not be possible for all children to return to face-to-face learning in school after the February half term break. He said that he hopes that it will be safe to re-open schools from Monday 8 March and that this is in response to public health data and pressure on NHS capacity. The government has stated that schools, as well as parents and students, will be given at least two weeks' notice to prepare for a return. As soon as we have more information about this, we will write to you again.

As we come to the end of the fourth week of remote learning for our students and prepare for a further four weeks, we wanted to remind you about our expectations and the structure of the day for your child.

All students are receiving live lessons through Microsoft Teams. For students in Years 7-11:

- On a Monday morning, there is a recorded assembly for your child to access on Microsoft Teams at 8.30 am. This is an important start to the week for him/her and is led by their Head of Year.
- Every day at 8.45 am, your child should access a fifteen-minute recording of guided reading. This is also on Microsoft Teams.
- From 9 am onwards, your child should then attend four live lessons on Microsoft Teams. All live lessons will last for one hour and at the end of each lesson, your child will be expected to complete an online quiz/activity to assess their learning. In Years 8 and 9 in maths, this activity will be replaced by a Hegarty maths task.
- All quizzes/activities should be completed each day by 4 pm.

The timetable of lessons each day is outlined below:

Years 7, 8 and 9		
Lesson	Start	Finish
READING	8.45	9.00
P1	09:00	10:00
Break	10:00	10:35
P2	10:35	11:35
Break	11:35	11:50
P3	11:50	12:50
Lunch	12:50	13:35
P4	13:35	14:35

Years 10 and 11		
Lesson	Start	Finish
READING	8.45	9.00
P1	09:00	10:00
P2	10:15	11:15
Break	11:15	11:50
P3	11:50	12:50
Break	12:50	13:05
P4	13:05	14:05

There are also daily enrichment activities set for students in TEAMS including TED Talks, Character Education lessons, Aspire activities and Current Affairs.



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Full guidance about how to support your child to access Microsoft Teams can be found here – <https://bit.ly/38GWx3P> and is available on our website.

Staff will continue to call home each week to offer support and to give you the opportunity to raise any concerns you may have. Please do call the main office if you would like to speak to a member of staff.

Those children who have been attending school will continue to do so and follow their remote learning plan as they have been doing.

We continue to be incredibly proud of our students. Each day so many of them are engaging with their learning and taking responsibility for their own success which will help them to become independent and confident learners as they progress through school and beyond.

All we can do at the moment is to keep going. The good news is that the Prime Minister's announcement offers us all a beacon of light and hope for the long-awaited return to normality. We are so looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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