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Dear Year 7, 8 or 9 Parent/Carer

Update regarding the remainder of the summer term for Years 7-9 students

I hope you and your families are well. I apologise that it has been a while since I have written to you formally, but I trust you are aware of what we continue to do for our students via their Google Classrooms, our website news items, and our social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We are determined to support even more effectively with regard to student online learning, and I will write to you again regarding that, and seek your views, over the half-term holiday.

As you will be aware, the government has asked schools to begin to plan to open for more students from early June. This is specifically for Year 10 students in secondary schools.

We continue to maintain our provision that we have offered since the lockdown in March, to the children of critical workers and vulnerable children. These arrangements remain unchanged. We are already in contact with these parents.

My key priority moving forward is to ensure that we only open to more students if and when it is safe to do so. As you can imagine, I am working with my colleagues to carry out a robust risk assessment to inform all of my decision-making.

At this point, I would like to make it very clear that my expectation, in line government guidance, is that this reopening will be phased with very small numbers in the academy at any one time. This will be for Year 10 only for the summer term, alongside our existing critical worker and vulnerable children provision. All other year groups will continue with their online learning and will not be in school.

As your child is not in Year 10, online learning will continue to be the sole focus for their study. We will continue to seek to strengthen this online provision.

We have no further details yet with regard to increasing our provision for Years 7, 8 and 9 but I would like to reiterate that it will operate in line with the government guidance and I will only open the academy to more students if and when it is safe to do so. However, it is important to note that students in Years 7, 8 and 9 (other than children of critical workers and vulnerable children) are **still not required** to attend schools for the foreseeable future. I will write to you of course, when further national decisions are made regarding this.

In these challenging times, we have all had to learn and work in very different ways. As ever, I would like to thank you for your continued support encouraging your child's online learning, which I know is not always straightforward. Thank you for continuing with this, as it makes a tremendous difference. I will continue to try to share on social media what our expectations are, and links to help where there are difficulties. Do remember that support for students logging into Google Classroom can be accessed by sending an email to google@normanby.outwood.com

Stay safe, and I wish you and your family well over the bank holiday weekend and beyond.

Yours faithfully



Andrew Wappat
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