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Dear Parent/Carers

Following the announcement by the Prime Minister at the weekend, I thought it might be helpful to share some thoughts about what he said and the probable implications for us here at Holyrood.

There are some things that I can say with some degree of certainty:

- Students in years 7,8 and 9 are unlikely to return to school before September.
- We hope to be able to bring Year 10 and Year 12 into school sometime in June, but we are unsure of a precise date.
- We will continue to provide care and education for vulnerable children and the children of key workers but no other children will be able to attend school. The definition of Key workers and vulnerable children has not changed at this time.
- We will continue to set work for students who are not in school and expect to provide more detail soon about what that will look like – particularly for years 7,8, and 9.

There are, however, some things of which we are still very unsure:

- How many of you will want/be able to send children in Year 10/12 into school
- The proposed start date for Year 10/12
- How many of our teachers will be able to work at school
- How school transport will work
- What is expected of us in respect of social distancing and other special measures
- Whether we will have PPE and/or whether students would be asked to wear this
- Whether we will ask your children to wear school uniform – at the moment this is unlikely but we will need to consider appropriate clothing as part of our risk assessments.

We are hoping to receive more details and clarification from the DfE to allow us to plan properly for welcoming more students and young people back into school. For now, the priority remains the safety and wellbeing of staff and students who are working both at home and in school.

I am very proud of the way that the whole school community has worked together so far and am very grateful for your continued understanding and support while we try and work through the latest guidance and make appropriate plans.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions.

Yours sincerely



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