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Dear parents, carers and students,

I am sure that like me, many of you sat and watched the Prime Minister's address last night. At the moment the picture concerning secondary schools is very vague. The Prime Minister has an "ambition that secondary pupils facing exams next year (currently Years 10 and 12) will get at least some time with their teachers before the holidays". Again, like many of you, I am hopeful that the details due in the coming days will provide us with a clearer picture of what this might look like in reality. The Prime Minister has also made it clear that all of these ambitions and plans are "conditional" and will be implemented "carefully and cautiously".

As you know from previous letters, at the High School, we have been planning and risk assessing for some time now as to what school will be like if we have a phased re-opening for any of the year groups ahead of the summer holidays. This planning is meticulous with our prime aim being the health and safety of our students and staff in order to minimise the risk of infection and transmission of the virus. We will continue to develop these plans over the coming days as the Government, Department of Education and Local Authority provide schools with the much needed guidance for how to achieve the Prime Minister's ambition.

We very much want to see our students back in school, learning, growing and socialising as they did before the virus. All of the staff want to be back to normal as well. Schooling really is very different at the moment and we have to prepare ourselves that the "new normal" everyone is talking about **will** affect life back in the classroom too. We will of course, share plans with parents and students as soon as they have been confirmed by the government and adopted by the High School in a way that can re-start school attendance and ensure our prime aim of health and safety.

Key worker supervision Monday 1st June – Friday 12th June:

Key worker information and the Local Authority form remain on the homepage of the school website (under useful links, Covid-19). If key worker parents wish to send their child to school during the fortnight of Monday 1st June – Friday 11th June, please email the School enquiries email no later than Thursday 21st May. Parents need to register that they would like their child to attend during this fortnight but note they can (as per the arrangements explained below) withdraw attendance on particular days as we appreciate that this makes it slightly easier for parents working shift patterns. If parents wish to withdraw their child from attending during this fortnight, please do the following:

- Inform us if possible, by 3pm the day before withdrawal and no later than 9am on the day, the child does not attend.
- If the child is unwell and unable to attend, please notify us before 9am as per the normal absence procedures.

School Transport:

If key worker parents rely on school transport, please note the following from the Local Authority: "Please contact us if your child will be attending school on different days or not at all so that transport can be changed as required. This includes any new eligible children that start to attend schools or colleges. Please note it may take up to five days for transport arrangements to be made in such circumstances." The Transport Team can be contacted via TSG@lincolnshire.gov.uk or 01522 782020.

Student work:

It is vital that students continue to work hard on the studies set by their teachers and seek support from their teachers when needed. My letter of last week contained very detailed information for each of the year groups and is still available on the school website.

School Closure Challenge 3: Pets.

Wow – so many replies to Challenge 3: Pets. Mrs Darnes is putting together the power point; we have had over 80 entries which is absolutely fantastic! It is taking a bit of time, as you would imagine and then Mrs Ray and I will judge the entries and award the prizes. We are hoping to load the PowerPoint onto the school website by the end of this week. Thank you also to Mr Fovargue who is uploading all of your entries onto the school social media accounts; they look fantastic. Certificates for this challenge and the previous two challenges have been printed and will be in the post by the end of this week.

Mrs Ray has organised the House School Closure Challenge and the house points and rankings are available on the school website homepage. At the moment Sharman are ahead but the current rankings do not yet have the results of the Pet Challenge listed so it may all change! Join in and earn house points!

School Challenge 4: Who is it?

Prior to lockdown, 8P had prepared a fund raising quiz with pictures of members of staff. The challenge is to guess the member of staff from the small image of a facial feature. Thank you to 8P for sending their quiz across which has been extended to include more members of staff (so 8P can join in too). The quiz sheet will be sent via school student email addresses no later than Wednesday this week. Students should try to identify the members of staff and email their answers in a numerical list. There is no need to send the photo sheet back – just a list of answers 1-20 with your name and form.

Finally, thank you for your continued support and the emails of good wishes many of you have sent in. It is always a pleasure to receive them. We all very much appreciate the hard work our parents and carers are providing for their children whilst home learning is taking place. We know at times it might not be easy; the great majority of us are parents too and supporting our own children with their school work and know exactly what it is like. To our students I would say, “Keep calm and carry on” You will be back before you know it and no doubt moaning about it too!

Take very good care of yourselves and best wishes,

Yours sincerely



M K Anderson
Headmistress