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Dear parents, carers and Y10

As you know from my earlier letters, we are planning to be open for academic tutorials for Y10 with effect from 15th June as directed by Her Majesty's Government. HMG have issued a significant number of guidance documents and recommendations to support schools to be as safe as possible when they open.

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming students back into school for the academic tutorials. It will be great to see you all again and staff are busy planning the sessions for you.

We have been working very hard over the last few months to implement effective and stringent health and safety measures aimed at reducing the risk of infection and transmission of Covid-19 for those attending and working at the High School.

The "Frequently Asked Question" document attached gives you more detail about our plans and measures. Our risk assessments are currently being finalised with staff and governors. We are hopeful that this consultation process will be complete by the start of next week, at which point all student related risk assessments will be available on the school website for parents and students should they wish to read them. We trust that the FAQs and risk assessments will provide students and parents with further reassurance of our commitment to the safety of those at the school.

If parents or students have questions that are not answered in our FAQs, please email them to Mrs Neal and we will answer them for you. If the question is pertinent to other members of the year group, we will add it to the FAQ document and keep the website based version as an "up-to-date working" version.

As adults and parents ourselves, staff and governors of the High School appreciate that we are all still anxious about the easing of lockdown and the risk that Covid-19 presents to us as individuals, to those we love and to the population in general. The decision about whether to send your daughter to school from the 15th June is one that only parents can make for their own families. The government recognise this and have made it clear that for now there will be no further action if parents decide not to send their children back to school.

Below is a hyperlink to one of the government guidance documents published for schools:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

It contains very useful information about what parents should do if:

(1) They consider their child to be clinically extremely vulnerable:

"Children and young people (0 to 18 years of age) who have been [classed as clinically extremely vulnerable due to pre-existing medical conditions](#) have been advised to shield. We do not expect

these children to be attending school or college, and they should continue to be supported at home as much as possible.”

(2) They consider their child to be clinically vulnerable:

“Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) people are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus (COVID-19). A small minority of children will fall into this category, and parents should follow medical advice if their child is in this category.”

(3) They consider that there are household members living with the child who would be considered clinically extremely vulnerable:

“If a child, young person or staff member lives in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable, as set out in the [COVID-19: guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable guidance](#), it is advised they only attend an education or childcare setting if stringent social distancing can be adhered to”

(4) They consider that there are household members living with the child who would be considered clinically vulnerable.

“If a child, young person lives with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), including those who are pregnant, they can attend their education or childcare setting.”

However, we are aware that the guidance for those who are shielding, are clinically extremely vulnerable or clinically vulnerable appears to be changing at pace as lockdown is eased and that advice can be confusing. If in any doubt, please contact your GP and seek medical clarification. Please be assured however, that we feel that we are employing stringent measures and that due to the age and maturity of our students and the supervision we will have in place, that social distancing measures will be better achieved here than perhaps with younger children.

We have based our plans on the assumption that **all** of Y10 will attend on the days that they have been allocated for their tutorials. However, if parents feel that they are uncomfortable sending their daughter into school it is important for us to know this. Please email school enquiries for the attention of Mrs Neal on enquiries@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk to notify us of your intention not to take up the tutorials. This information will help us to plan further the academic sessions and the required level of cleaning for the school.

If your daughter displays any of the symptoms of the coronavirus, no matter how mild, do not send her to school. Parents should continue to follow the NHS and PHE advice on their websites for those who suspect they may have the virus. Students are now a group eligible for testing.

If we can be of any further assistance in answering questions or addressing concerns you may have, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely



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