



Woodside High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, my sincere and heartfelt thanks for your ongoing support and kind messages to the school. The feedback we have received over the past seven weeks has been really special and, despite our separation, has made us all feel closer than ever. We have been so impressed by the strength of our community in such difficult times.

Secondly, I am sure that many of you have questions following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday evening. The Prime Minister stated that there will be a phased return to school for students in primary schools (Reception, Year 1 and Year 6) no earlier than 1st June, although that date is not definite. He said that he hoped to follow on from that with a phased return to school for secondary school students, starting with Year 10.

I appreciate that we have all experienced a long period of uncertainty, and as much as I wish I could tell you that we will be welcoming our wonderful students back to Woodside on a certain date, I cannot yet do that.

As far as Woodside is concerned, there is no change to the expectations that we have all been operating under. Woodside is open to the children of key workers and those who are vulnerable. For the rest of our students, the message still stands that it is safer to stay at home.

We have not received any clear guidance to support the phased reopening of schools. We will need much clearer information on how to best keep our students and staff safe before making any decisions regarding a wider reopening of the school.

As always, we will keep you informed as much as we can, but for now, please do not worry. We will continue to provide work for students to do at home, make phone calls, send emails and offer support through our foodbank and beyond.

Yours sincerely

Gerry Robinson
Head Teacher

Head Teacher: Ms Gerry Robinson



