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Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of another half term, I am writing briefly to wish you well and once again, thank you for all of the work you are doing to support your child with remote learning.

You will be aware of Government plans for the remainder of this academic year which we understand will be updated on May 28th. However, at present they have said that remote learning will continue for the rest of this academic year, with only year 10 students possibly returning, at some point, for some face-to-face contact. I have written to parents of year 10 with some more information about this, a copy of which is on our school website. Please note that we have also uploaded a copy of a letter to parents and carers from Karen Bradshaw, Executive Director of Children's Services and Rachel Robinson, Director of Public Health regarding the Government's plan for schools.

Thank you to parents and carers for contributing to the survey about ICT equipment and interest in us looking at the possibility of a scheme to facilitate parental purchase or lease of equipment. Without commitment at this stage, we are working with the Trust (TrusEd Schools' Partnership) to investigate further and will be in touch in due course.

As always in schools, the summer term brings news of staffing changes. I will write to you with more information after half term, but please note that from May 31st, Miss Hutton, Teacher of Languages, will be leaving us. Miss Hutton has established herself as a highly respected teacher and colleague during her time covering long-term staff absence. She will be very much missed by us all and I'm sure that you would like to join me in wishing her the very best for the future and thank her for all of her hard work. Thank you Miss Hutton!

On 1st June, we welcome back Mrs Colburn, teacher of Humanities following her maternity leave. We are very much looking forward to her returning, although of course we wish it was to the school operating as we knew it. Please note that incrementally your son or daughter may find that the remote work for geography or history will be set by Mrs Colburn therefore, as she begins to retake her classes. Welcome back Mrs Colburn!

Mr Longhurst, Assistant Headteacher, would like to remind you that the DFE have put in place statutory guidelines for the delivery of RSE (relationships and sex education) from September 2020. After carrying out an audit of our current provision, you will be pleased to know that the curriculum we currently deliver is broadly in line with the guidance. After half term we will be in touch again to give you an overview of the RSE topics covered in each year group and give you an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

On a much more pleasant note, during these difficult times, it has been very pleasing to see the number of applications we have received for Prefects from our Year 10s. The Prefect team have an important part to play in the smooth running of school and we believe that from the applications we have received, we will have a strong team to work with next year. Thank you!

With best wishes to you and your family for the half term break.

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