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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 10 and Year 12 Update – Possible phased reopening of Sydenham School

We are writing to you with an update about the plans for Year 10 and 12 and a possible phased reopening of the school for these year groups at some point before the end of the summer term.

We would like to thank the hundreds of parents and carers who have completed our parent and carer surveys about the plans for reopening. This has been of significant help for our risk assessments. If you have not already done so, please ensure the relevant survey from these two links is completed as soon as possible:

[Year 10 Parent Survey](#)

[Year 12 Parent Survey](#)

School leaders across the country have yet to receive the guidance from the Department for Education about the reopening of secondary schools. This means that we cannot yet confirm a date at which we might begin to be able to have some face to face provision on the school site for Years 10 and 12. The Association of School and College Leaders has advised us to wait until after half term, a point at which we hope to have the Government's guidance, before making further decisions.

We are very disappointed not to be able to share more definitive news today, but we are sure you understand the complexity of the national situation and its impact upon Sydenham School. We are also working with the Local Authority, and more detail on the situation across Lewisham can be found at this [link](#). Please be assured that as school leaders, we have been working closely with our teaching and support staff representatives to ensure that concerns from across the school are being addressed. We have been immensely appreciative of their collaborative approach to finding a solution to this situation.

Over the past few days we have been in contact with many parents and carers about our plans. We are currently working on strategies to enhance our online provision further as we are acutely aware of the need to support Year 10 and 12 to prepare for the final year of their exam courses.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at the following email addresses if you require any clarification about the contents of this letter.



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We wish you all a very pleasant half term and would like to thank you for your continued support and the many kind messages of thanks that the school has received.

Yours faithfully

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