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Dear Parents & Carers

I am sure that you will be aware that secondary schools across the country have been tasked with gradually increasing the provision that we are offering during lockdown.

The instructions we are working from have limited us to Year 10, and with the stipulation that no more than 25% of the cohort can be in at any one time. With that in mind we have implemented a programme which, in addition to the provision for the children of those deemed as keyworkers, will run from June 15th through until July 15th.

Clearly this has a major impact on everyone but in particular to students that are currently in Years 7, 8 and 9. For these students, the provision of remote learning will continue. Whilst we are working hard to keep the quality of this provision as high as possible, I am under absolutely no illusion that this directly replaces the classroom based teaching that we are all so keen to return to.

It has been humbling to be part of a community of students, parents and families who have been so supportive of their school. Please be assured that we will leave no stone unturned to ensure that the curriculum on offer in the new academic year actively addresses the gap in school attendance and the need for a rapid programme of targeted work to get students back on track. Throughout this period of time, right across the country, there have had to be difficult decisions made and as a community we have had to react to those decisions collectively. Our response is limited by the advice that we receive and this can be hugely frustrating, but we can take responsibility for the quality of work that we are able to provide and in future will actively address the gaps in progress that have been exacerbated by this period of lockdown.

Students going into Years 8, 9 & 10 will be eager to know what their timetable will look like from August and for those who have taken Options, these choices will be confirmed by the end of June.

I cannot stress enough just how grateful we are for your support and understanding.

Kind regards
Tim Marston
Headteacher