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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this finds you well, I felt I should write to give you an update based on the information we have at the moment.

As you will be aware the government has asked us to work towards the possibility of providing some face-to-face contact with young people in Year 10 and Year 12 to help them prepare for exams next year, this is unlikely to be in the form we have been used to. We are currently looking as a trust at how feasible this is and what format it might take. We are currently awaiting further guidance from the government in relation to a definitive action to begin a cautious reopening.

I can assure you that any decision we make will have the welfare of our students and staff at the core of what we do. We are currently carrying out a range of detailed risk assessments to identify and minimise wherever possible, risk of infection. If and when we do return it will be in a controlled and managed way.

We are mindful that this guidance only relates to year 10 and 12 and even with these year groups the vast majority of educational work will be online over the coming weeks. We have now uploaded a range of assessment materials for all year groups to allow us to evaluate where we are and support your child further with feedback from their teachers. We understand the current situation is not a replacement for classroom-based teaching, however the detail and thought that has gone into every piece of academy online work has been based around what the teachers feel your child needs to progress. I would therefore once again encourage you to ensure your child is accessing and working through these materials.

Finally, I would like to praise all the staff at the Academy in ensuring that we have remained open for key worker and vulnerable children for the last 8 weeks. This has included some bank holidays, Easter break and the academy will also remain open for those children over the upcoming half term as we continue to support the local community. I feel it also praiseworthy the way the staff at the school arranged in a very short time scale free school meals, then vouchers, as well as food and essential deliveries to families we know are struggling. Our relationship with our community has always been vital and the current crisis has highlighted how we work so well together and how we rely on each other for support.

As soon as the government guidance is updated and communicated to us we will share it with you and our plans for the future. Please stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Gelder  
**Principal**  
**For and on behalf of Tove Learning Trust**