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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that this letter finds you well. I know that the last few months have been an unsettling time for everyone and we have been under very strict instructions from the Department for Education (DfE) about allowing anyone on to the school site. The DfE have made a slight adjustment to their guidance in the last week and they are now saying that if we have concerns or worries about any student then we can bring them in to school for a face-to face catch up. I would like to use my discretion and invite all of Years 7 to 9 into school for a 20 to 25 minute catch up with a member of staff. Given that we are going to plan for three year groups and we must maintain strict social distancing and hygiene procedures, it does mean that we will need to centrally organise times once we know how many students would like to take up this opportunity.

I know that it might seem like a very small step, but I am worried that we face a very disrupted academic year next year. It would appear that it is very unlikely that we will be opening schools as normal from 1 September 2020 and I think the best we can hope for is some form of limited time in school and online learning as the major delivery method, with the possibility of further lockdowns a very real worry to me. To this end we are building our capacity to teach our entire timetable via Microsoft Teams if required, but it is a big leap from schools being closed on 23 March 2020, to students suddenly being asked to log on to learn. I would like to think we can get all of our students in to school at least once before we are placed in the position of teaching in this manner. We need to understand what their worries are, how they feel that things might be better, what they would like going forward and what their experiences are to date – they need a chance to let us know how they feel about their learning.

In order that we might plan for nearly 500 students, and their individual appointments, I have put together a very short survey. The survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NJ86RZV>. Can I ask that you complete this and we will then distribute appointment times as soon as we are able to. I realise that this is a short deadline, but completion by the 3.00pm on Wednesday 24 June 2020 would be much appreciated. This is I know a short turnaround, but the guidance has only just changed and I am keen to make the most of this opportunity.

Thank you and take care

Mr K Flanagan
Headteacher