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Dear Parents

## **speculation about schools reopening**

As I am sure you are all aware, there has been a lot of speculation in the press and on social media around the partial or phased reopening of schools with many different scenarios being discussed. I wanted to tell you that schools themselves have not yet received any information at all and, like you, I only hear about any changes to 'lockdown' through the 5pm briefings. Through the media, there has been an indication from the government that there might be an announcement about schools on Sunday 10th May. Whether this will actually be the case or what may be said I have as much idea as the rest of the country!

If there is an announcement made on Sunday we would ask that you please wait for an email from the schools explaining how we will manage any changes and the plan we will put in place going forward. Please do not contact us immediately as we will hear the announcement when you do and will then need to develop our plans as a team. We do have provisional plans for many different scenarios as I am sure you can imagine but we will need to consolidate our thinking and then have them approved at both governor and MAT level before sharing them. Please be aware that schools will have many different approaches to this. There are still members of the team who are vulnerable and either shielding or isolated. They will not be able to come back if it is not safe for them to do so.

We have appreciated the many emails of support from you all and I am sure that this support will continue as we try to navigate our way through any changes. We are still very much in uncharted waters but rest assured whatever our decisions they will be made with the welfare of our pupils being of the utmost importance.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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