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HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parent / Carer

You will be aware that last week the Government announced the phased return of Year 10 pupils and those identified as vulnerable from June 1st 2020. Whilst guidance has been provided schools are ultimately responsible for determining what is right for their communities and what this provision will look like, whilst ensuring that pupils and staff are kept safe.

With this in mind I thought I would let you know the approach I will be taking and thank you in advance for your support.

1. Safety – the safety of the pupils and staff will be the top priority. Full and detailed risk assessments will be conducted before any decisions to increase the provision offer are made. All plans will be scrutinised by the Chair of Governors.
2. Larches family – the main purpose of expanding provision, within Government guidelines, is to further support you and your families. I do not underestimate the challenges some of our families’ face.
3. Choice – I respect that parents / carers are best placed to determine whether their child will come to school, if eligible, or continue to access the online learning provided. I understand that each family’s circumstances are different. Whilst being in school for Year 10 and vulnerable pupils may be an option at given times, pupils will be encouraged to attend, not compelled to attend. There will be no penalties this term for any parent / carer who chooses to keep their child at home. Staff will be continuing with online learning and this will support any face to face support given in school.

Please can I thank you for your ongoing support and further details will be communicated later this week will all relevant information placed on the website.

Stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

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