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Dear Parent/Carers

I am writing to update you on how we propose to support our students and families over the final term of the school year. Our number one priority is the safety of our children and young people and everyone working with them.

To date Turney School has remained closed, with Lansdowne School acting as the hub school for the Federation. From the 20th April -22nd May we have sent you home learning packs and resources for all pupils, followed up with welfare calls, set up links with the core professionals who work with the children/young people and where necessary sent vouchers for free school meals. We will continue to offer this level of support for Term 6.

From 1st June Turney will re-open and we are looking to welcome our children and young people back to school. Initially we are inviting Silver, Gold and Red class back on a phased return from 15th June, with Year 14 joining us on 22nd June for their final term before transitioning to new provision. From 29th June we would like to gradually welcome more pupils back on a phased return looking at individual risk assessments and in discussion with you.

We know this continues to be a very unsettling time, but rest assured that we will be using our best endeavors to welcome our pupils back on a phased return safely. I want to reassure you that we're not going to be pressuring anyone to send their children or young people to school. We will continue to keep you updated with all our preparations for making sure the school is as safe as possible, so you can make an informed decision. Our plans are to mitigate the risks as much as possible but as you will fully appreciate we cannot eliminate all risk.

We have made a detailed action plan and carried out a robust risk assessment on the precautions we are taking to guard against the infection and spread of coronavirus in our school, which we will share with you. As we know our Children and young people find social distancing difficult, if not impossible, so our strategy is to:

1. Work in small social bubbles, where young people will only mix consistently with a very small number of young people and adults throughout the day.
2. Limit class sizes of no more than four young people in the social bubble.
3. Increase cleaning and sanitizing arrangements across the school.
4. Use signage and one-way systems to minimize social interaction and define social distancing.
5. Follow the specific government advice on handwashing for 20 seconds
6. Keep students and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home.
7. Isolate and immediately send students/staff home if they show coronavirus symptoms.
8. Collapse the social bubble if a pupil or adult tests positive for coronavirus and follow government isolation guidance.

If your child/young person is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning. If your child is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school. Please refer to [government guidance](#) for further details of these groups.

Overall, our current plan for Term 6 is as follows

Weeks	Date	Student Support
1 & 2	1 st -15 th June	Home Learning Welfare Calls Support from core professionals Continues.
3	15 th June	Welcome Silver, Gold and Red class back to school. Home Learning Welfare Calls Support from core professionals continues

4	22 nd June	Welcome Year 14 back to school Home Learning Welfare Calls Support from core professionals continues
5 – to the end of term	29 th June	Phased return for additional students, in agreement with parents/carers, review of weeks 2-4 and individual risk assessments Home Learning Welfare Calls Support from core professionals continues

To maximise pupil and staff safety, as well as ensuring the smooth running of our social bubbles, the school day will be from 10am- 2pm each day. We will be in contact with individual Local Authority transport companies and taxis to agree school drop off and pick up times.

Ms Tovey and the senior team will continue to make their weekly phone calls and will use this opportunity to discuss individual pupils returning to school taking into account your views and individual risk assessments.

We will be sending a more detailed letter at the start of the week beginning 8th June which gives further detail outlining the school day and how we can work together to make this transition work for our children and young people.

As always we will be led by government advice/guidelines and will inform you of any changes which affect our current arrangements.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our pupils back to school. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or the senior team.

With very best wishes

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