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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have had a lovely Easter. We have certainly enjoyed a full range of fog, wind, rain and even snow whilst at times also enjoying brilliant sunshine! I'm sure that you have been frustrated at the continuing lockdown and it says something that, at a time when we should be going out and enjoying a variety of post winter hibernation activities we have in fact been more occupied with super-yachts and only this morning rumours of wallabies at the Hairpin!

You will have listened to the Government briefing on Thursday which indicated that staff would be returning to school on Monday 12th April. This is to allow preparation of the school and resources having been excluded from the site for over five weeks. As you will be aware from the Government briefing, within all secondary schools, Year 11, Year 13 and Year 14 are being prioritised during the next week of a phased return. I have written to the parents and carers of students in these year groups with specific detail about arrangements for their gradual return.

Clearly in the prioritisation and face-to-face teaching of these year groups there is a need to understand that our remote learning provision will look a little different this next week than it did prior to Easter. Your feedback as once again endorsed the provision that we made during March however for this next week we must ask that you understand that much of the online remote provision will be in the form of independent work and may not include live contact with teachers via Teams. However, all work should still be accessed via subject Google classrooms and students should also endeavour to register as usual via the RGS website.

I hope that as we return to school that I will be able to include a lot more interesting updates about things that really matter to all of us; that is exciting learning and activities that students are enjoying in being close with friends once again.

I wish you all a great weekend and I will continue to keep you updated with any additional information. Thanks again for your support and fingers crossed that the data will allow the government to further ease restrictions over the next week.

Kind regards

Graeme Corrin
Acting Headteacher