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Dear Parent/Carer,

In some respects not a great deal has changed since I last wrote to you. As always, I hope that all Putteridge families are keeping safe and well and I would like to thank everyone once again for all the positive efforts they are making to support each other through these difficult times. There does seem to be an inundation of speculation on social media and the press around the virus, as well as the changing situation for education, most of which is not helpful I have to say. Our Trust CEO, Adrian Rodgers wrote to staff today and together we are very clear on the following:

- Our risk assessments and planning are extremely thorough and in many ways even more robust than the guidelines set out by unions and government.
- We fully appreciate the concerns and anxieties of both staff and parents.
- Year 10 reopening is **from** not **on** June 1st, and we will do so in a way that builds the confidence of both staff and parents.

This week, Trust and school leaders have worked incredibly hard in response to the Prime Minister's announcement and the subsequent series of DfE updates, including the 7pm guidance from last night. We will be communicating further with Year 10 families prior to half term. The guide for parents and carers from the DfE (which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>) states, 'For pupils in year 10, we are asking schools and colleges to supplement remote education with some face to face support for these year groups from 1 June. We do not expect these pupils to return to school or college on a full-time basis at this stage, and so we do not expect a full timetable to be offered as schools and colleges look to minimise the number of pupils in school or college each day.' It is therefore unlikely to be anything like a return to normal teaching. For those in year 7-9, it is clear that remote learning will remain for some time to come.

In terms of remote learning, we are not expecting students to work over half term, a clear break is required and deserved for everybody. We would be very grateful if all parents of children in Years 7 - 10 could take part in our second survey, using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/78wYic8Zag4PWY1q6>

Thank you for your strong support for remote learning, we really do appreciate how challenging it can be.

As always, stay safe and thank you for all your kind messages of support in these last few months.

Yours faithfully

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