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7th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Apologies for the delay in this week's letter, I decided to wait until I had further information on a variety of topics which I hope will be of interest. I have to be honest it is tough to know what is new and what is old in terms of news, just like it is difficult to distinguish which day it is at times! We are now well prepared for the partial re-opening for Year 10 students, we are looking forward to welcoming Year 10 back. We are of course aware that students have been away for almost 3 months now. Indeed, it is with this in mind that we have carefully crafted the right amount of support for their return. The plan for Year 10 has been shared and we are looking forward to beginning the pastoral face to face meetings during the week beginning Monday 15th June.

It has been wonderful to see our key worker students back at Putteridge this week, they have been amazing. Each day we have a few students in, diligently working in the hall supported by a few staff. They are working hard on exactly the same work others are doing at home to allow their parents to fulfil their important roles and responsibilities.

I have met with the Kier project manager several times over the last few weeks and am delighted to say that progress remains good, we are a few weeks behind, but nothing of any significant consequence at this time. If you are local or are able to drive past it is well worth a look, it's enormously impressive and a real beacon of hope for the future of the community of Putteridge High School.

Many of you will be aware that we are moving to a Year system in September. We will continue to have Houses for competitions such as Sports Day, but our Pastoral system will centre around Years. Each Year will have it's own Head of Year and Pastoral Leader and they together with their tutor will support them in any way necessary to ensure they have a positive experience. Each tutor group will have approximately 25 - 30 students and these will be made up solely of students in their own year group.

Finally, I am delighted to be able to share with you that we now have a waiting list to join our school. Appeals are taking place for the new Year 7 and we are full in other year groups too. Long standing staff tell me that this has not happened for over 20 years so it's really quite a moment for the school and the community.

I wish you all the best for the forthcoming week, stay strong and committed to remote learning as a family, it is very much appreciated and worthwhile I can assure you.

Yours faithfully

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