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Principal - Mr T Beesley

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Dear Parent / Carer

RE: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) – Updated Information and Advice for Parents and Carers

I always begin my letters by saying that I hope you are all well. Sadly, from the contact that we have had with home, we know that many of you have suffered the loss of a family member or a friend, through Covid-19. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very difficult time.

Following on from my last email, I am writing to inform you that I have received a letter from the Director of Education for Cheshire East, Jacky Forster, updating us on the meeting of Cheshire East Cabinet Members, who met yesterday to consider a position statement on the phased wider opening of schools. Cabinet members considered the various concerns raised by early years' settings, schools, parents, unions and dioceses, and they have proposed that a careful and staged approach is taken to the wider opening of schools from 1 June. In summary, Cabinet recommend that from 1 June schools take two weeks to ensure they are confident with arrangements and for staff to be familiar with new working practices. There will then be a phased return of certain pupils from 15 June. Details of Cheshire East's approach is outlined in the attached letter for parents and carers.

Unfortunately, we are still awaiting clarification from the Government as to how secondary schools are able to offer the 'face-to-face' support for Year 10 and 12 students, to 'supplement remote education', as mentioned in last week's DfE guidance. Headteachers were told that this would be available to us last week, at the same time as guidance was given to primary schools, but it is yet to arrive.

We are continuing with our current in-school support for the children of key workers and other priority students, and on-line provision for all others. We are also reviewing best practice across the College, identifying which strategies are working well in engaging students, and which are not as effective. I will be sharing more information about this soon. In the meantime, please do remind your child that their Form Tutor will be making contact with them again soon, just to check-in, and ask after their well-being – they must respond to their Form Tutor's message.

I have received some lovely messages of support this week, recognising what uncertain times we are living in, and how we are all working together, just doing our very best. As always, your feedback and continued support is much appreciated, and if you do want to contact me about any issue, please email me at principalpa@allhallows.org.uk

God Bless

Tim Beesley
Principal



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