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AN ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the Prime Minister's statement on Sunday evening, which included some information about how and when schools may re-open, I am writing to clarify what this means for students at Farmor's School.

In essence, very little has changed for secondary schools. **Students should stay at home and continue to complete the work set until further notice.** The government have not given a target date for re-opening secondary schools, or a firm plan for how this might happen.

We would love to be back at school and welcome students back, but it is important that we proceed carefully and when the time is right.

#### Childcare for key workers

We continue to offer childcare for the children of key workers and for vulnerable students, if parents need to access this. The key worker categories have not changed. If you are entitled to access this provision, but not yet doing so and wish to request a place, please email [ghartshorn@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ghartshorn@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk). This provision will continue for as long as the government asks us to provide it.

#### When might the school begin to re-open?

The government have stated their hope that Year 10 and 12 students may be able to have limited face to face contact with their teachers before the summer. However, it is not yet deemed safe for this to happen. No mention has been made of years 7 to 9, therefore we must assume that there are currently no plans for these year groups to return to school before the summer holidays. However, this position might change if infection rates fall more quickly than anticipated.

#### How might schools begin to re-open?

**Schools will only open to more students when they deem it safe to do so.** I will be working with our leadership team and governors to ensure that when we do re-open we do so gradually and with great care. The safety and welfare of children, adults and families is our number one concern.

Our pledge to you is that:

- We will only begin to re-open when we deem it safe to do so;
- We will give you plenty of notice and information when the time comes;
- We will work with you to ensure that your child/children feel confident, safe and reassured when they do return.

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In the meantime, please encourage your child/children to continue to do their best and let us know if there is anything we can do to make their time at home as easy and productive as possible.

Please note that all parent correspondence relating to this period of school closure can be found at:  
<http://farmorsschool.fluencycms.co.uk/Coronavirus-Updates>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Evans', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew Evans  
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