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Dear Parent / Carer

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and understanding in these testing times. Across our learning community there has been a real sense of pulling together and it has been heart-warming to see the videos, pictures and variety of work that has been produced by our children and young people.

I am writing to update parents and carers about our response as an Academy/Trust to the government's announcement that, subject to their five tests, secondary schools and sixth forms will provide some face to face support for Year 10 and 12 students; although we do not expect these students to return on a full-time basis at this stage. Obviously, we are working hard to put plans in place to provide some face to face support, in whatever form that may take, however, I am sure you will agree that it is important that we do this in a carefully planned and managed way which protects parents, staff and most importantly our children.

Wath Academy will be further refining the detailed plans for the wider operation of our school over the half term break and we will communicate these to you early next half term. However it is worth noting that we will not receive final notification of the government's decision on re-opening schools until Friday 28 May 2020, making the planning for provision in the first week back after the half term break particularly challenging. This means that we will not be opening for any children beyond those currently eligible for the key worker provision during the week beginning Monday 1 June 2020. Please be reassured that we will be placing the health and safety of all our staff and young people at the heart of all we do.

I will write to you again with the specific details in the next two weeks. In the meantime, please keep yourself and your family safe and well.

Yours sincerely

J Taylor  
Principal