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Dear Parents and Carers

This evening we have had confirmation that schools and colleges will reopen on Monday 8th March to all students. This is of course great news and what we have all been waiting for over the past seven weeks. Now that the Government has made this overarching announcement, we await the detail and guidance from the Department for Education. Once we have received this I will be able to provide you with more information and clarity.

We will be working hard to ensure that students make the transition back to the College as smoothly as possible. I appreciate that for some students they will be very excited and pleased about the return while others may be anxious after being away from the College for a prolonged period of time and returning to the new building. We will work hard to ensure that we prepare all students for this return. This will include updated videos of the new one-way system, a new map of the College with the new classrooms identified, and all students will receive a new timetable in their first tutor time.

Importantly, once we have the guidance we will also be updating our COVID risk assessment document which outlines our protective measures. We are anticipating some changes to the protective measures that we previously had in place and it is really important that you and your son / daughter are fully aware of these prior to returning.

I will aim to stagger the information that we send home over the next two weeks prior to reopening and we will be updating our website to ensure that all of the information which is sent out electronically is also available in one place.

We are all hopeful that the end is in sight and that we can remain fully open during the remainder of the spring and summer term. All the staff at the College are really looking forward to welcoming your son / daughter back in a couple of weeks. I will be in touch with more information in the next few days.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Parsons
Principal