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Dear Parents

COVID 19 – NTC's Next Steps

I am writing to update you on NTC's next steps following the latest government announcement on Sunday, and subsequent guidance which continues to be published. This states that '*Secondary schools and further education colleges should also prepare to begin some face to face contact with Year 10 and 12 pupils who have key exams next year, in support of their continued remote, home learning*'.

At present, we are waiting for clarity as to how these arrangements for Y10 and Y12 are expected to work. Until much of the uncertainty is removed, we will continue with our current focus of supporting vulnerable students and the children of key workers, as well as providing home learning programmes for the majority of students. We all want to return to our roles as teachers and support staff as quickly as possible, but only when it is safe to do so.

Currently, the school leaders are thinking, listening, taking high quality advice and when we have assured ourselves that we have considered all of the angles, we can plan our next steps. Once all circumstances have become clearer and there are sensible, practical and safe steps we can take to facilitate reopening, then we will discuss these with you.

We have been refining the home learning and have started to incorporate student and parental suggestions into the process. Our leaders are monitoring engagement and Learning Coaches are checking in with students each week.

I have been enjoying seeing some of the schoolwork produced by our students which is shared on our website as a way of celebrating their success. We are currently producing our termly newsletter which will be published next week and give a flavour of what has been going on this term.

I do hope that you and your family are keeping well during these unprecedented times. Thank you for encouraging your children to positively engage with the learning materials provided by our staff. Please continue to do what you are doing by communicating with us and asking for support if you need it, we have a dedicated email address for all queries - homelearning@ntc.kent.sch.uk.

We are all missing having everyone in school, and will do everything we can to support the school fully reopening to students and staff when it is safe to do so.

Yours sincerely



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