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Dear Families,

There have been several announcements regarding education this week so I thought I would take this opportunity to update you on the current situation at RPHS.

This week we have welcomed 25% of Year 10 back to school for some face to face sessions with their teachers. To prepare for their return, we followed government guidelines to ensure that we had taken all possible precautions to protect the health and safety of students and staff (our risk assessment and reopening plan can be found on the website) as this remains our number one priority.

We have been delighted to see some of our students return and I know the staff have really enjoyed teaching again this week. Students have been grouped into small 'bubbles' of no more than 10 and classroom layouts have been altered.

Next week, we will welcome 25% of Year 12 back to school for their face to face sessions on Tuesday and Thursday, and Year 10 will be in on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Whilst being in school is now an option for these year groups, students have been encouraged to attend, not compelled to attend, and the staff will continue to support the learning of all, whether at school or from home.

Earlier this week, the government announced that schools would have 'additional flexibility' to invite students from Years 7 to 9 into school for a face to face meeting. We are in the early stages of planning and to help us facilitate this, we will be sending out a survey to confirm how many KS3 students would like to come in to school for a meeting before the end of term.

We are also currently waiting to hear what is planned for the summer holiday and September. A comprehensive catch-up programme is being designed and we are already working with staff on our recovery curriculum. As it is currently unclear as to what the start of term may look like, we are piloting remote teaching using Microsoft Teams; this week, the Teaching & Learning Team ran a pilot with Year 12. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive so we are now in the process of training more staff to deliver lessons remotely and we are hoping to be in a position to deliver some lessons to KS3 and Year 10 this term.

Thank you so much for your continued support and the many kind words that are very much appreciated, particularly during these difficult times.

Sending you my very best wishes on behalf of all at RPHS.

Kind regards,

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