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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you as I have received some additional guidance from the Department for Education regarding Special Schools which differs from the Government announcement that was made on Sunday.

The guidance states that from the week commencing 1st June, Special Schools are being asked to work towards a phased return of more children without a focus on specific year groups and this will be informed by carrying out risk assessments.

Any increased numbers of children returning to their schools is conditional on the Government deeming certain criteria have been met (the governmental roadmap for reopening society). All published guidance is subject to review by the Government and therefore their advice to schools may change. As a college we will be reviewing the guidance closely.

We are currently looking at the first phase of this plan at the college. This will involve continuing to support our key worker and vulnerable students (who have been currently attending) alongside students sitting exams and about to leave the College. Following this first phase, plans for the rest of the College will be considered based on the upcoming guidance.

I would like to be clear that the safety of students and staff is of paramount importance and we will implement what the College assess to be a safe limit for the number of students and staff on site at any time.

The College will risk assess all students under the following criteria:

- Ability to be able to follow social distancing/handwashing and new norms within the school day.
- Medical needs or underlying health conditions that increase the risk for that child.
- The level of intimate and personal care a child requires and whether this can be done safely for both staff and students.
- Behaviours that may increase the risk to students and staff safety within the school setting.

The Government have also made clear that any parents/carers who does not wish to send their child to school for the remainder of this term, will be supported and not fined. The College fully supports this and home learning will continue to be provided as is currently.

I will be writing to you all in the coming days once we have formulated the plan in line with the guidance.

With best wishes to all you and your family

Tom Smith
Headteacher