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Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you and your family are doing as well as can be expected at the present time. I continue to look for the good around us as we go through this crisis. I'm grateful for the beautiful weather we're having, the longer days of sunlight, and the budding trees and blossoming flowers. Hopefully, you are able, and enjoying, the opportunity to step out from your own home and into outside spaces and find a little respite there.

I continue to monitor the guidance and the directives for schools coming from central government. At the present time, as I am sure you are aware, there have been no clear directives about the wider reopening of secondary schools. **Therefore, after consultation with key worker families, I have decided that school will close for the Whitsun holiday and will reopen, for the children of key workers only, on Monday, June 1.**

Along with my governing body, I will continue to review the situation over the next 10 days and hope to be in a position to give you more details about what will happen in the final half term of the academic year when we reconvene on June 1st. Please be assured that the Trust is working diligently, tirelessly and with purpose to put in place the arrangements that will be necessary in order to secure the health and safety of pupils and staff so that we might be able to move to a time when we can reopen to a wider group of students safely. Currently, our planning is dedicated towards some 'face-to-face' time for year 10 and year 12 students with their teachers. I will share that planning information with you in more detail as soon as I possibly can.

Finally, I would like to send out my best wishes to those families that will be celebrating Eid this weekend. I understand that places of worship remain closed but I am also sure that the families involved will celebrate, with love, together.

Kind regards,

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