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Dear Families

I hope this letter finds you and yours well. The glorious weather we are experiencing provides some consolation and provides a welcome treat in these somewhat challenging times. We have reached half term, and for some, the celebration of Eid al-Fitr to celebrate the end of Ramadan. Warm wishes to all our families at this time of celebration and togetherness in spirit.

I am aware that this has been a very confusing time for parents around the 'reopening' of schools to more students, and whether the government thinks it is safe to do so. Most of the attention has been focused on primary schools which will be opening first. For pupils in Years 10 and 12, who face GCSE and A Level exams next year, schools have been asked to begin some *face-to-face support*, although the Government do not expect these pupils to return on a full-time basis at this stage. This support would be to supplement their remote learning which will continue to be the focus of their learning for the remainder of the term.

Whilst we wait for further guidance and clarification from the government, we need to be prepared for every eventuality. Therefore, the governors and leadership team have been planning for face to face sessions for Years 10 and 12 to begin possibly after 1st June. We will share the necessary details with you as soon as possible, so you know what the school's 'reopening' will look like in practice with safety and social distancing measures in place. **However, we can't make the final decision until we have finished assessing all risks and ensured the government's guidance has been followed.**

The school provision is open only for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. We know some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but we're not in a position right now to extend places to other children until we receive further Government guidance.

In the meantime, our online school continues as the main education for PMS students for this term. We are getting stronger everyday at being a remote community school and will be holding more Zoom meeting forums for students, as well as parents. (*There will be more information sent to you on live sessions*). We will continue to provide the highest quality remote learning and feedback through our Google Classroom provision. We will ensure that the learning allows students to continue to develop their knowledge across as wide a range of subjects. I realise that for some, access to technology is difficult, and learning packs will continue to be posted.



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Finally, I would like to thank you for your continuous support in helping our students learn from home. I know this has been a challenge and we need you to keep going with this for a while yet, so please do what you can and get in touch with your child's teachers, tutors or DSD if you need any further help. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school at info@preston-manor.com. We will also continue to keep in touch with families as much as possible throughout the summer term.

I hope you have a safe, restful and healthy half term.

Yours sincerely

Beth Kobel
Headteacher