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Dear Parents/Carers

As you will have undoubtedly heard, the government advice about the reopening of schools from September was published late last week. We are working through the advice to make sure that we have all safety measures in place and will update you with how this will operate at Trinity school next week. Our risk assessments will be published on the school website soon. It is clear that we will need to spend some time during the first few days of term explaining safety procedures to students. We will therefore be staggering the start times of year groups and will confirm the start times and entry routes in the details we send next week.

There are some practical matters such as cashless catering and electronic communication which will support our safety measures for September. Further details can be found in the Parent/Carer Handbook on the school website and also in the final edition of Trinity Life which will be sent home next week. Trinity Life will also contain details of any other policy updates needed prior to September. Although we will update you on changes to our behaviour policy, we will have an interim position for the first half term which we will explain to students and parents in September.

We do not plan to open during the summer holidays as we will be busy getting ready for the 'new normal.' As we wish to assess students in the Autumn term prior to planning catch up provision, students will be given guidance about any work they need to do by their tutors during the Pastoral and Progress meetings next week. We plan to set targets and send home lists of all the work set during closure so that parents can discuss any missed work and students can attempt to catch up before we return. Students will be asked to bring the completed lists back to school so that teachers know individual gaps in learning and can plan accordingly, alongside classroom assessments when we return. We do hope to be able to distribute exam results for both Years 11 and 13 in person and will inform parents about how that will operate safely in due course.

We are making plans to support student wellbeing in September, too. As you may recall a group of Year 10 students had launched an initiative to raise money for wellbeing issues, setting a target of £4,000. Students had raised £1,500 prior to closure and it was disappointing that the £40 in Form initiative did not run. However, the governors agreed at a meeting last week to fund the amount in full by contributing £2,500 to the cause. This will mean we can increase what we already do for mental health issues in school and we will discuss what ideas about how to spend the money with the students involved. We do have an opportunity to fund a 'listening group' run by a professional, for example.

Year 11 and Year 13 had the virtual leaving celebration events last week. Both were well attended by students and feedback has been positive. It has been excellent that parents were able to view the online assemblies for the first time. Thank you for the kind messages you have sent. The Helpdesk sessions for Key Stage 3 and the Enrichment hours have been going well, with a variety of students accessing these on Microsoft Teams. This week students can attend a read-along session each afternoon after finishing their work. I am personally looking forward to reading my chapter later this week. The teaching and learning team are reviewing the feedback you gave about online learning and we will share the results with you when this is complete. We have learned a lot since we closed in March about how to support the community virtually and in supporting students learning virtually. We feel confident that we can continue to provide quality work in the unfortunate event that that schools were forced to close again and our middle leadership team have contingency plans in place ready for September, just in case.



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Our Chaplain is preparing the final Thought for the Week of the year which will go out shortly. It contains messages from staff this week, so do take a look when it is published. It is strange to think about ending the academic year having seen students for only half of it.

There will be further updates next week. Wishing you all well.

Yours faithfully

Jo Hawkin

Headteacher