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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your families are well during what is a difficult time for us all.

We are writing to you as Executive Principal of the Brooke Weston Trust and Principal of Kettering Science Academy to keep you informed of our commitment to educate your child in as safe an environment as possible and to advise you of our current proposals for the summer term. As you may be aware, the Government announced specific plans for the return to school of some primary aged children. However, their announcement for secondary aged children was 'we expect that secondary schools will be able to offer some face to face contact with year 10 and year 12 pupils. This will not be a return to full timetables or pupils back in school full time, rather some support to supplement pupils' remote education.' There was no information regarding other year groups. The Government further announced that they will make the final decision on whether to press ahead with the reopening of schools when they review the latest scientific advice on May 28th.

We would like to reassure you and your son/daughter that we are working on plans which we believe are more ambitious than this, for all year groups. As you would expect, the safety of our children, their families and our staff is our first priority. Therefore, we have been working diligently to consider how best to do this and we are in the process, as a Trust, of carrying out extensive risk assessments. Once these have been concluded, and the Government have made the 28th May announcement, the Principal will write to you again with much more detailed information. We know you understand that our planning may change in light of the Government announcement and ask you to please bear with us.

Our current plans include:

Years 7-9

A refreshed and fully mapped curriculum offer which involves some teacher interaction with students via Microsoft Teams and the use of online learning resources. Students will be set assignments and will receive teacher feedback on those assignments. This provision will be available online by Monday 8th June. We are aware that not all students have access to computers at home. If this is the case please do contact us on enquiries@ketteringscienceacademy.org and we will provide paper copies of work.

Students will continue to receive pastoral care via their respective teams, led by their Heads of Year.

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Year 10 and year 12 students

We are pleased to advise you that we currently anticipate being able to return to teaching both year groups in school for some part of the school week, subject to the outcome of risk assessments and the Government announcement. Once we have more information, we will share the detail with you and seek your views on whether your son/daughter will participate in these school-based lessons. We encourage parents and carers to think very carefully about what is right for their own child if we are able to provide this opportunity to attend in June.

If we are unable to deliver lessons in school due to circumstances beyond our control, we do have plans for extended online provision similar to KS3 and the further development of online teaching.

The process currently consists of:

1. Fortnight commencing 1st June - A series of broadcasts via Microsoft Teams by the Principal and members of the Senior Leadership Team and the Head of Year covering student welfare, preparation for the return to school, explanations of what school will look like, the school experience for our students and our behaviour expectations of students. We will also outline our learning plan and the commitment we expect of students during these sessions. You are very welcome to join your son/daughter for these sessions and a timetable will be issued. If you or your son/daughter would like to receive additional reassurance after watching the broadcasts, it will be possible to request a follow up virtual meeting. Again, contact details will be shared.
2. Week commencing 8th June – some preliminary work assessing gaps in student knowledge and confidence to inform appropriate learning structures
3. Week commencing 15 June – Some teaching of our core academic GCSE subjects and most Y12 courses in school. **To enable us to plan and assess staffing for this, please complete the very brief survey here:** <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6QDKM2W>

Whilst writing this letter, the Government issued further guidance on 21 May which can be accessed here. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-secondary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19> We are confident our plans exceed the ambition laid out by the Government in the sections for year 7 to year 9 students and year 10 students and we look forward to sharing these with you as soon as we can.

In order to improve our service to you across all years, we would like to know what technology you are using at home to access our online learning (if any). It would be really useful if you could all complete our survey by using the following link:

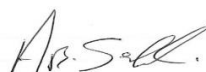
<https://bit.ly/BWT-Digital-Device>

We would like to thank you and your family for the continued support you have shown the school. We understand that attendance at school may be a very difficult decision for some parents to make and we will respect and support your decision. We are looking forward to welcoming your child back to school as soon as it is right to do so.

Yours sincerely



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