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Holderness Academy
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are safe and well.

As you are aware, **schools remain open for vulnerable students and the children of key workers only.**

The government's plan for reopening schools announced earlier this week is still *conditional* and by no means certain. Schools will only begin a phased reopening if "the 5 key tests set by government" are being met and this decision might not be made until Friday 28 May!

Despite the uncertainty, in line with the government's *conditional* plan and aspiration to open schools, we are working as a staff team on some scenario planning to determine what 'some face to face contact' with Year 10 and Year 12 students might look like here at Holderness Academy and Sixth Form College.

As always, our planning involves working with our staff, governors, wider Trust leaders and of course our families. We will, as always, keep you updated as our delivery planning and safety measures continue to develop.

Year 10 and Year 12 students should continue to study at home until we communicate to them exactly how the face to face supplement to their continued remote education will be delivered.

I know that all our staff across the Academy are keen to return to work, to meet their colleagues and welcome back the young people that they care so much for. However, we must do that in a manner that is properly planned, well organised and is as safe as it can possibly be for all members of our school community. I am sure that many of our parents/carers and young people will also have some concerns and we will be canvassing these as we progress over the coming few weeks.

Finally, we are looking further ahead with excitement to the possible return of all children and young people to school, and I can inform you that our Trust has decided to hold two staff training days on Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 September 2020 before the phased return of children starting on Wednesday 9 September. This is to ensure that we enable staff to return to a 'new' norm fully prepared with guidance to not only keep themselves and young people safe but also to ensure that we can accelerate progress and learning for all our students in the new academic year. The nature of this phased return will obviously depend on the national situation by then. I will, of course, update you in good time before that.

In other news...

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Thank you so much for your response to our parent survey and while it was largely positive, we are making some improvements to increase the staff-student interaction and deadlines for the work set. For this to happen successfully, please continue to ensure your child is checking their school email account on a regular basis. For those of you that left your contact details, it has been nice to speak to you and thank you again. For those that I have been unable to contact, please feel free to contact me using the email address: wilsons@holderness.academy

Today, we have emailed all Year 11 students a reminder about Leavers Hoodies orders and an update on the Summer Ball (as soon as the location re-opens, we will set a revised date – I am determined for this to take place). In the meantime, please find a couple of important documents attached that will hopefully; continue to support you at home during these unprecedented times.

Please take care

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S. Wilson', written in black ink.

Scott Wilson
Headteacher