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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to you to share the school's current position at the end of a week in which there has been much speculation about the return of children to schools in England. Following Mr Johnson's announcement on Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> there have been a number of guidance documents issued to assist schools in their preparation for allowing pupils back into schools. However, I am sure that you are aware of the ongoing discussions which are taking place between the Government, its scientific advisors and representatives of both the Teaching and Leadership Unions, who remain concerned about the conditions of and timescale for a safe return to school for both pupils and teachers.

At All Hallows we remain committed to making arrangements for the return of any groups of pupils to school as safe as possible for both adults and children. We are being guided by the Local Authority and the Archdiocese of Liverpool and will not issue a strategy for our return until we are satisfied that conditions are safe for us to do so. I can assure you that when that time comes, we will have carried out detailed risk assessments and will impose strict social distancing protocols for all pupils and adults on the school site.

Following our May half term break, the provision of education for the children of key workers will continue. The definition of key workers remains the same as that issued by the Government at the start of the health crisis. Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 are not expected to return to school before September and will continue their online studies. Year 10 pupils **may** receive some face to face teaching to supplement and support their online learning but this will not happen until the conditions described previously in this letter are achieved. Following a series of meetings next week before we break up for the half term holiday, I hope to be able to write specifically to the parents of Year 10 pupils to provide them with further details of the provision for their children after June 1<sup>st</sup> and to consult with them about plans as we move forward.

In the meantime, I remain proud of our pupils who have risen to the challenge of these uncertain times magnificently, and of our parents who have supported them in their studies. Equally, I applaud all of my colleagues at school who have been committed, resourceful and good humoured throughout. Please stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

C- Horroeks

Mr C Horrocks <u>Headteacher</u>



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