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Dear Families,

As the May half-term approaches, I am writing to you with some updates and to wish you all a very happy and restful break.

Firstly, I want to address the issue of Y10 and Y12 returning to school after the half-term break. There has been a lot of discussion and heated debate in the media over the last 2 weeks and I want to be absolutely clear on the current position at Archbishop Ilesley Catholic School.

We are in the process of making plans for Y10 and Y12 students to have some contact with teachers before the summer holidays. At present I cannot provide any further details as to what these plans are as schools are still waiting for key guidance from the government and other professional bodies. What I can tell you is that Y10 and Y12 students will not be returning in any full-time capacity to normal timetables; this is in line with the guidance published by the Department for Education. As soon as we are ready to share these plans, I will do so, but nothing can be put into place until we have received the guidance we are waiting for. Rest assured, we will do everything we can to make sure our plans are as safe as possible. I understand that this may be frustrating for you as parents and carers, but there are so many factors currently out of my control it would be unwise for me to publish any plans at this time as they could be subject to change.

At present there has been no mention of years 7, 8 and 9 in terms of returning to school and I am working on the assumption that it is likely to be September before we see any plans to bring these year groups back into school.

School is closed for all pupils during the May half-term break and will reopen for the children of key workers who need access to childcare and invited children only on June 1st.

After half-term teaching staff will continue to set work on Google Classrooms and students in Y10 can also access materials through GCSE Pod. I would also highly recommend the online lessons and resources on BBC Bitesize to support you with any home schooling. Please contact us if you have any issues and a member of staff will be in touch to support.

Could I remind all parents and carers that the website is updated every week and this is the best place to check for any new information regarding what is happening in school.

The last few months have been very difficult and strange for everyone. I am in school on a regular basis and it feels like a different place without the pupils here. All of the staff are thinking of you and you are all remembered in our prayers. Thank you for your ongoing support and patience.

May all of you remain safe and well.

God Bless

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