



Principal: Helen Corbett

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Dear parents and carers,

As you will have seen in the news since Sunday there is an expectation from the government that primary aged pupils may return to school from the 1st June. The current guidance for secondary schools state that there is an 'ambition' for Year 10 and Year 12 students to have some 'face to face' contact with their teachers before the summer holidays and that this contact should support their ongoing learning through the school's remote offer.

I wanted to write to assure you that despite the emphasis being on the primary sector at this stage the leadership team at George Spencer Academy are focused on planning for the secondary guidance. Once we receive details from the government and guidance from the Department for Education we will be in a position to finalise our plans and communicate them clearly with you all. We will be carefully analysing all aspects of the guidance against the logistics of our site with a key objective at the forefront of our minds: ensuring we can keep both students and staff safe whilst they receive a quality learning experience that enhances their remote offer. We will continue to keep you informed of our plans so you are able to make an informed decision as to whether you would like your child to access the 'face to face' contact should they be in Year 10 or 12.

In the meantime, our school continues to operate under the current guidance. Please find below a brief update:

Remote learning offer: Our remote learning offer remains strong with students impressing us every day with their hard work, determination and resilience. Last week we issued 532 reward postcards to students based on nominations from their teachers. We will continue to collect nominations weekly and send postcards home.

In school offer: We remain open for children of key workers and vulnerable students and they continue to be a pleasure to have here every day. Each day they access our remote learning offer with teacher input, engage in physical activity, have the opportunity to take part in creative/well-being sessions and have some 'down time' with the staff and students here.

Year 11 and Year 13: These students continue to be an important part of our school life, for us they have not left. We are well underway with setting centre assessed grades for each of them and running alongside this Mrs Fawcett and Miss Jenkinson are starting to put into place their 'end of year' celebrations. Exams would now have started for these students and we understand some students may feel upset about the experience they will miss out on. We want to help every student who needs us and we ask that you contact us should we be able to offer any support or reassurance to them.

We continue to be proud of all our students and we thank you for your continued support with enabling them to stay motivated and engage in their learning. Please remember to contact us should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Corbett
Principal