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Dear Families

I hope you remain safe and well following the Bank Holiday weekend in which we commemorated the 75th anniversary of VE Day and our gratitude for the enormous suffering previous generations endured. It was a poignant reflection, given our current difficulties. It was really uplifting to see the VE Day celebrations taking place amongst members of the HT community - thank you for sending us your photographs, many we have posted to our Twitter feed and Facebook page. Do take a look!

When will school re-open?

Following the Prime Minister's statement on Sunday evening, further government guidance was published yesterday. The full guidance can be found here: [Click here](#). The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is also available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Parents and young people can contact this helpline by telephoning 0800 046 8687 between 8am to 6pm – Monday to Friday and 10am to 4pm – Saturday and Sunday or follow the link here: [Click here](#).

The government are asking secondary schools to offer some face-to-face support before the summer holidays to supplement the remote learning of Year 10 and Year 12 students and to be ready to do that from 1st June at the very earliest. It is very unlikely that students in other year groups will return before the next academic year. The next step for the school is for me and senior staff to plan how to respond to this initial government guidance. The most important principle guiding our planning work to move beyond the current arrangements is to ensure that school can be safe for students and staff.

School will therefore remain closed for the foreseeable future, other than to vulnerable students and those whose parent is a critical worker and cannot be safely cared for at home. Please contact Mrs Goodes, Vice Principal directly at goodesm@haileyburyturnford.com if you feel this provision applies to you.

Once we have further information about any partial re-opening arrangements, I will communicate the details to you clearly. Further details will not follow until next week at the earliest.

And finally ...

Please continue to stay in touch with staff. Our Year Achievement Coordinators and Assistant Year Achievement Coordinators are continuing to coordinate contact with families. Please do contact them with any issues or concerns. Equally, do not hesitate to contact me directly, or any other member of the senior team if necessary. All staff contact details can be found on our website: <https://haileyburyturnford.com/contact-us/staff/>. We have also published our Mental health and Wellbeing Newsletter which can be found here: <https://haileyburyturnford.com/app/uploads/2020/05/Mental-Health-and-Wellbeing-Newsletter-1.pdf> to provide further support and guidance to families.

Stay safe and best wishes



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