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Dear Parents/Carers

This letter is directed primarily at parents of Year 10 and 12 students, but does contain information relating to provision of key worker and vulnerable children as well.

When half term started, we had put provision in place for the commencement of Year 10 and 12 face to face contact commencing on the 1 June 2020. On Sunday, the announcement was made that secondary schools will not be resuming until the 15 June at the earliest. This was confirmed by guidance from the Department for Education in guidance published on Monday evening.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-secondary-schools>

This guidance for secondary schools has been delayed and was initially promised before we broke up for half term. Its guidance is in line with what Knole Academy had proposed, the one difference being the commencement date. As I have stated in previous communication, we receive no additional information, but it appears the delay for secondary schools is linked to the wider social interaction that secondary pupils have compared to primary age children and, therefore, the transmission risk to the wider community is greater.

As we have stated from the start of the Covid 19 situation, we shall follow the guidance of Public Health England and therefore, our opening plans will be delayed until the 15 June. We shall presume that all those who expressed a desire to attend from the 1 June will want to attend from the 15 June and will be kept on the rota for provision. If any other Year 10 or 12 students wish to be placed on the rota for provision from the 15 June, please contact Mrs Dykes at ldykes@knoleacademy.org before Thursday 11 June so we can make arrangements.

We recognize that a number of key worker parents will be returning to work from the 1 June, most notably primary school teachers, and we shall be offering continued provision for key worker and vulnerable students.

It is the intention of Knole Academy to offer two live Teams lessons per week for each Year 12 subject, this will start on the 1 June and the schedule for this will be distributed this week.

I apologise for the change in planned provision and hope you are able to appreciate that it is genuinely beyond our control.

Wishing you the very best of health.



David Collins
Headteacher