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Roding Valley
HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope that you are all well and keeping safe during this difficult time. I am sure after the recent announcements by the Prime Minister and the release of the document 'Our Plan to Rebuild', there may be lots of questions and concerns you have about children returning to school.

In the section of his speech concerning education he commented, "our ambition is that secondary pupils facing exams next year will get at least some time with their teachers before the holidays". We are seeking and waiting for further clarification on the expectations relating to the proposals for Year 10 and Year 12 students. With regard to Years 7 to 9 there was no further information given, therefore, my assumption is that they will not return to school until at least September.

As these measures were only recently announced and we are still awaiting full guidance, we will need to consider carefully how we can adapt our school settings to ensure that children and staff can return safely. We will be in touch with you to communicate our plans with you. The government have also issued specific advice and guidance for parents and carers and this can be found [here](#).

Please be assured, however, that we will only re-open our school if we can secure the health and safety of all children and staff who are in school.

Currently, for all schools in England, there is no change to the current guidance until 1st June at the very earliest. Our school will continue to provide emergency childcare for the children of parents who are keyworkers, children with an EHCP and 'vulnerable' children. Our school will also continue to provide work online for all other children as well as keeping in touch with all our families as we have been for the last 7 weeks. This provision will also continue into June and July for those children who will not be in school in June and/or July.

During this uncertain period, I have found strength in the Roding Valley High School community spirit. The support from teachers, parents, governors and students all working together to keep each other safe, both physically and mentally; working together to continue to engage students with their learning has been quite amazing. Please can I take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your continued efforts to support the home learning, I do appreciate that this can be tough especially if you are trying to work and care for others.



Please do contact us if you have any concerns, we are committed to the continued welfare and education of all our students. I will keep you updated of any further developments as they arise.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sharon Jenner', written over a light blue grid background.

Sharon Jenner
Headteacher