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Dear Parent/Guardian

Firstly, a 'Happy Half Term' to everyone and Eid Mubarak for tomorrow to the Muslim members of the MECE family.

The situation regarding the re-opening of the school has dominated our week. We are really excited at the thought of bringing our Key Worker provision back to MECE and have been putting plans in place for this today. Those families to whom this applies have been sent a separate letter. We are also looking at our Year 10 provision. As you may have seen in a letter from Mary Davies, the CEO of the Maiden Erleigh Trust, none of the secondary schools will begin their Year 10 provision before June 8th. Given the ever-changing scientific advice, the hope regarding a functioning Track and Trace system, the wider availability of antibody testing and the fact that we have still not had a definitive Secondary Guidance document from the Department for Education, caution is absolutely the correct judgement. All Year 10 families will receive a more detailed letter regarding our plans for their provision from me either today or early next week depending on when we can confirm the bus timetable.

For the families of Years 7 and 8 our provision will carry on although we will review this a little and may look to introduce some more project-based work as the next half-term proceeds. For Year 9, Ms Bliss will be writing to families in the week after half-term to explain an exciting change in their provision and the beginning of the next stage in their educational journey. For all Key Stage 3 families we are looking at increasing the amount of contact with staff in terms of assemblies and Quizlet activities to incentivise engagement. I really wish I could offer all families a date for a return however whilst this isn't possible please let us know how we could improve our current provision through the fab and drab links below.

Sadly, today we said goodbye to Mr Hawthorne, our Deputy Headteacher who begins his post as Headteacher of John O' Gaunt School in Hungerford on June 1st. He left with some lovely gifts and gave a wonderful leaving speech through the slightly surreal platform of Zoom earlier this afternoon. In his place I am pleased to announce that we have recruited a brilliant new Assistant Headteacher. (I won't reveal any names yet as contracts are being signed as I write). The field of 45 applicants was incredibly strong and it was whittled down to 5 applicants for the interview day. I think the competitiveness of the field with applicants from all the local schools speaks volumes about the changing opinion of the school from the local educational community and I am delighted to have such an amazingly talented and strong SLT for September.

Please use the following links to leave any [FAB](#) and [DRAB](#) feedback that you think will inspire us with gratitude or give us an insight into how we can improve further.

Best wishes and enjoy the break from home schooling!

Andrew Hartley
Headteacher