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Dear Parents

The last few weeks have been challenging for us all and I am very proud of the way that all our schools have responded. Vulnerable children and children of critical workers have been in school and teachers and support staff have been there to care for these children. Teachers have also been working incredibly hard, as you will know, to support the learning of children who are not able to attend school. It is fair to say that our staff have never been so busy and I salute them for their hard work and resilience.

Since the Prime Minister's announcement on the evening of Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May that schools would start to re-open from 1<sup>st</sup> June we have been working with your school leaders to prepare for this. We have been mindful of the need to keep our staff and children safe whilst endeavouring to support the request to open up more widely. A great deal of guidance has been issued and a great deal of planning has taken place. We are pleased to tell you that all of our schools will be opening as requested. In order to facilitate this we have decided on the following:-

- Our schools will be closed to all children during the half term holiday.
- Depending on individual schools' risk assessed safe capacity, our children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will return to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June. This will allow staff time on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June to prepare our schools so that they are optimally ready to receive children safely.
- Students in Year 10 and Year 12 at St Alban's will now receive some face to face tuition on a rotation basis. St Alban's leaders will confirm arrangements for this.
- Children of critical workers and vulnerable children will continue to attend as they have been doing already.
- From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June our schools will be open during normal hours from Monday to Thursday and until lunchtime on Friday. This will allow staff to remain with the same small group of children while the schools are open and they will then do their planning, preparation and assessment work on Friday afternoon.

Your school leaders will be in touch to inform you of specific arrangements as they relate to your particular school.

I am very grateful for the way that you have supported your schools during this time. Your positive and affirming messages have been uplifting for staff and have definitely motivated them to keep doing their best as they always do. My thanks to you all.

God bless and stay safe

*Teresa B. Selvey*

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