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Hello Tallis Family,

A rather rushed email this morning. We are in day 2 of Deputy Head interviews which will occupy the next 7 hours!

I thought you might welcome a local view of the controversy that is swirling around school reopening?

First, it would have been so much better if the PM had had a plan, based on the science, before he announced that schools would reopen in some way. The fact that the guidance followed the announcement and is still incomplete for secondary schools really doesn't help. More worrying still is the lack of clarity on how much children themselves are in danger from the virus and how much they are likely to endanger older people in school. Because of this confusion, the teacher and other unions believe having any children back to be misguided. However, I am obliged to think about it. My own union says that the next lockdown briefing on 28 May will be decisive. That is good news, but you can't wait until 28 May to organise 1<sup>st</sup> June! We have very harmonious union relationships here and we will work together to do what's best and what's right.

So, we will continue to try to improve our remote learning while we think about tutorial support for year 10 and the best plan for year 12 after their assessments. More to follow on Friday. Sorry I keep saying this.

Next week would have been half-term. Tallis-the-building is closed for the Bank Holiday on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> but open the rest of the week to post out next half-term's workbooks. There won't be any online lessons or work set next week.

Thank you for your continued support while we swim through this confusion.

With my very best wishes,

*Carolyn Roberts*