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Dear Tallis family,

Tuesday's update. My Friday bulletin will be on Thursday this week, because

1. Friday 8th is a Bank Holiday and we are closed. There won't be any lessons or teaching on Friday. Tallis-the-building will also be closed, as none of our young people need us that day.
2. I've had a couple of conversations with parents this week about the difference between 'online' and 'remote'. We are not offering 5-hours-a-day of live-streamed online teaching, but we are offering some live interaction to years 10 and 12, and a full set of digital and paper-based learning resources for years 7, 8 and 9. This is because:
 - Many families share a laptop and a workspace so children just can't be online all day.
 - Too much screen time is bad for children. The paper-based work offers some respite.

Obviously, if there was to be a staggered reopening, we would look again at what we are offering and to whom.

3. On that matter, of reopening, I know nothing more than you do! I am aware, however, that there have been many, many more deaths per head of population in London than elsewhere and I hope this is taken into account as national plans are being made.
4. Updates:
 - The FSM vouchers have almost sorted themselves out. We are confident that all the families who need them have got them, and those who prefer not to have an online voucher have had a paper one by post
 - A list of candidates for government free laptops for year 12 students has been sent to the Local Authority: our y10 list went last week
 - After a delivery delay since before lockdown, proper hand sanitizer has now appeared in school. G4S are going to try to put the dispensers up next to doors.
5. We had a very small number of children to chase up this week after Monday's Tutor email. Thank you for that.

And now, I'm off to a 32-item agenda online governors' meeting. We are catching up!

Thank you for your continuing support. I'll email again on Thursday.

With my best wishes and hopes for your continued good health

Carolyn Roberts