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Dear Tallis family,

1. Summer holiday opening. There is finally some clarification from the DfE that schools and colleges will not be required to remain open over the summer holiday for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. (Providers offering *paid childcare* will be able to operate over the summer holidays). Therefore, we will do what we usually do, which is leave some scope for building maintenance in the first weeks of the holiday and spring back into action in week 4. A level and BTEC results are on 13 August and GCSEs on the 20th. The LA use us as a summer school venue so their provision will continue. I expect we will need to respond to new instructions about the actual practicalities of reopening in September then too. After the end of this term I will stay in touch with you from week 4 of the holiday.
2. On which matter, the leaked documents apparently from the DfE yesterday about September reopening raise many more questions than they answer. They ignore schools whose year groups are over 240, for a start! (Ours are 270 to 320). I will offer some thoughts when the information is clearer.
3. One of our year 13 students Sophie Naylor is cycling to Brighton for Unicef. Any sharing donations would be appreciated! https://www.gofundme.com/f/g6e2hs-a-cause-i-care-about-needs-help?utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_lico+share-sheet
4. Year 12 attendance has been at about 92% this week and last: well done to them, again.
5. Almost all year 10 lessons will be interactive online in the last two weeks of term, and we will be sending revision packs home for the holiday too.
6. Year 10 students who need support or who are eligible for a DfE laptop will be in school for the next few days too. Invitations have been sent to those eligible for this intervention.
7. Year 7, 8 and 9 tutorial sessions will happen in the weeks beginning 6 and 13 July. Keep an eye out for information for Heads of Year.
8. We will stop what we are providing in school on Thursday 16 July so that Friday 17th may be spent in taking stock of where we have got to.

However, we are not there yet! I'll email again on Friday and for the next two weeks. Thank you as ever.

Carolyn Roberts