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SIR JAMES SMITH'S  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer

The Government announcement at the weekend and subsequent updates from the Department for Education have meant that the school is working hard on plans for welcoming some pupils back before the end of this academic year. As you will appreciate, it is very challenging to plan for the return of pupils when there is still so much that is unknown. What we do know is that having some 'face to face' time with pupils working hard on their GCSEs and welcoming Year 6 pupils from 17 different schools for their transition to Secondary School is important, so we will do everything we can to make this happen. That said, as important as these things are, they don't matter more than the safety of your children so please rest assured that we won't be inviting any pupils into school until we are confident that this can be managed safely. There is a letter from the North Cornwall Learning Trust about starting the process of opening schools for your information.

Inevitably, a limited opening of Sir James Smith's this term will mean that home learning will continue. Thank you for all that you are doing to maintain your home learning routines and provide the encouragement necessary to make them a success. If you haven't already spoken to your child's tutor they will be in touch this week to see how things are going and find out if there is anything more that can be done to help you. There will be an update to the curriculum information available on the school's website next week and details of GCSE option choices will be with Year 9 pupils very soon.

As we get closer to June and as the details of re-opening become clearer I will be in touch again, in the meantime you can always contact the school through the usual channels with any questions you might have.

Keep well.

Yours faithfully

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