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Dear Parents and Carers

You will be aware that the government have now produced guidance detailing the actions for education settings to prepare for the wider opening of schools from Monday 1st June 2020. At this stage, the government expects children to be able to return to year one and year six. There is also the need for some face to face contact for year 10 and 11, although they state this will be kept under review.

Whilst I have read this guidance, my senior team and I are still digesting what impact this will have on students in those year groups. We will continue to offer schooling to key worker and vulnerable children. I do not want to provide information that is not correct, but I can assure you we will continue to follow the guidelines to make our school as safe as possible. I have detailed some of the measures we are taking below:

- Enhanced cleaning including before, during and after school.
- Social distancing requirements in place.
- Students working with same groups/staff in weekly rotas to limit contact.
- Hand washing, hand sanitizer and cleaning wipes available for all members of the school.

I can understand that the news of a return to school may cause anxiety and would urge you to discuss your concerns with a member of staff during the daily wellbeing calls. We will continue to support everyone throughout this time.

Mental Wellbeing Week

This week is mental wellbeing week and rather than sending home more academic work I have included a list of activities and ideas for ensuring that this remains the key priority. Please do try them or some of the daily exercises that can be found on our website.

Free School Meals

If you are eligible for free school meals, you will find the voucher for the next 4 weeks within this pack.

As a school, please be assured that we respect the challenges that COVID-19 has presented to you as parents and carers and appreciate the efforts of everyone. I will write with more details and confirming plans soon.

If you do have any concerns/thoughts please do contact me via the school office or p.midworth@dlc.dorset.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

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