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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family are well.

I am getting in touch to update you on arrangements for re-opening schools, following the Prime Minister's address to the country last night, and guidance published by the Department for Education on Monday evening.

The current planning is that secondary schools may be able to offer some face to face support for pupils in Year 10 to supplement their distance learning from 1 June. This is very much dependent on progress in containing the Coronavirus continuing and the Government being clear that certain conditions have been met.

Most importantly though, for now, nothing has changed. The children of key workers, as well as any children who are vulnerable, will continue to come into school as they have since the lockdown began.

To be clear, the definition of key workers has not changed. For all other children, we will continue to provide distance learning to minimise any disruption to their learning.

We are currently working through the detail of the guidance for re-opening schools from the Department for Education. This includes advice that class sizes should be halved, and pupils in these groups should keep 2m away from each other where possible. When more information is received we will also be able to devise an appropriate timetable for students in Year 10 to meet with as many of their teachers as possible.

We are aware that parents of students in years 7 – 9 will be left uncertain about the next steps for their children. We remain committed to providing home learning resources as we have since the lockdown began. However, please do bear with us as staff may have to juggle providing online learning whilst maintaining face to face support in school for pupils from Year 10.

As always, the safety of your children and our staff remain our number one priority and will be the key driver in any decisions we take.

We will be in touch with you as soon as we have more details, and setting out progress on our preparations. In the coming days we will also be in touch to begin to get an idea of potential numbers of children from eligible years possibly coming into school at the beginning of June.

As ever, if you have any questions please do get in touch through our school office on the following email:  
[office@astreaernulf.org](mailto:office@astreaernulf.org)

Yours Sincerely,



Mr A Bissoo  
**Principal**