



# Dayspring Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Covid-19 update

We hope that you and your family are well during these rather exceptional circumstances. As you will be aware, we are now approaching the May half-term which leads us into the last half term before the summer holidays. You will be wondering, as we all are, as to what the future will hold and when schools will be able to re-open properly and return to normal. Unfortunately, we do not have a direct answer yet to this question, but we thought that it would be useful for you to know where we are currently and what our thinking is.

Firstly, our principal concern is always the safety of our pupils and staff. We have a duty of care to everybody in our school community to ensure that, when we are able to allow pupils and staff back into the building, it is done after having put in place detailed plans and risk assessments. These risk assessments will be continually updated as new government guidance comes into place and will always remain fluid and responsive to the latest research.

Secondly, as you know, we are currently only open to vulnerable children and the children of key workers. The government have indicated that secondary schools can start to prepare and think about reopening and that this will begin with some face-to-face support for Year 10 pupils who are due to take key exams next year. However, the government have NOT yet detailed what that should look like, for example, if pupils will be able to come into school or whether this will be done remotely.

There is a government announcement scheduled for 28 May (the Thursday during half-term) after the latest Coronavirus statistics have been released by the Office of National Statistics. Once we know what that advice is, we will be consulting with the Dayspring Trust board, as well as the diocese and local authorities, as to the best way forward. For now, we need to wait and see. As soon as we know what is happening, we will contact you with details.

Thank you for your patience and support. We really appreciate it and wish you and your family a safe and restful half-term.

Yours faithfully

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