



# RUTLISH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term I wanted to write to you detailing how we will approach learning from September.

From Mr Curran's (Deputy Headteacher) letter you will have understood some of the technical and safeguarding challenges that the School has faced since going into lockdown. From Mr Norrie's (Chair of Governors) letter that followed you will have seen how the school leadership, supported by the School governors have risen to that challenge.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you. In addition to the Rutlish Foundation, the School Governors and the school PTA, numerous parents have provided invaluable feedback helping us improve our online offer by making generous donations to support our more vulnerable students. Our long awaited equipment orders have begun to arrive and we are now in a much better position to provide safe and secure remote learning should that continue to be required.

We are really looking forward to seeing all our students return in September. During this lockdown period, I am sure all parents and carers will agree that there is no better solution to the boys' education than the normal routine of being taught at school. I am hoping the government will soon confirm the recent announcement that all students can return full time and publish updated guidance regarding protective measures for schools.

The School subject teams, in addition to all their other tasks, are currently planning and preparing for three different scenarios: all students returning full time, some students returning and another school closure. This planning is well advanced but remains hampered by a lack of government information regarding exam arrangements for next summer. The teaching and support staff really miss the boys and are all looking forward to seeing them back in school.

Next academic year will start with an emphasis on assessment as we learn what each student has and has not added to their understanding through the lockdown. There will be a comprehensive catch up programme running throughout the year and with younger year groups over the next two years. Having invested just under £100,000 on new IT equipment we hope that copies of these catch up sessions and resources will be posted online.

I will write again before the end of term with specific arrangements for the start of September.

Yours sincerely,

Ms L Howarth  
Headteacher

