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Dear parent or carer,

I hope my message finds you and your family well.

Further to my recent communication you will have received about plans to stagger student returns to Shenley academy to reduce the number of people in our buildings at any one time, I would like to reiterate that the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff remains our number one priority.

It is for this reason that we have also taken the decision to re-open our academy from Monday 8 June at the earliest instead of Monday 1 June, for a targeted group of year 10 students. This is in line with the government's guidance which has given schools and academies the flexibility to re-open from 1 June 'at the earliest' and when we are best placed to do so.

Whilst we all understand the benefits of our students being back in their academy, we're also clear that for this to happen we must ensure that they have the safest possible conditions when they return.

An additional week will give us the time we need to get our re-opening absolutely right, including more time with our staff to plan the detailed safety measures we are putting into place before our students' return.

It is also the case that government ministers are not due to make a final decision on their school reopening plans until 28 May, so it is important that we have enough time to take the appropriate actions in case the government should change their guidance at that late stage.

I hope parents and carers will understand our decision at this challenging time. I want to reassure you that with your support, we will do whatever we can to ensure that our students return to the safest possible environment when we re-open.

I thank you again for your continuing support, and I will be sure to keep in close contact with you, so you have all the information you need about our plans for re-opening.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Jayne Bartlett  
Headteacher