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To all boarding parents

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Dear Parents,

Boarding update

I hope you are keeping well in these difficult times and that son is engaging with his on-line lessons. We have had a great deal of positive feedback about them and are always keen to improve, so should you have anything to add please don't hesitate to get in contact with us. Likewise his housemaster is in regular contact with him and is keen for all boys from the house to engage in meetings, so please encourage your son to participate fully. It is also important that he keeps in touch with his friends and other boarders.

The government has announced that secondary schools can begin to open for some face-to-face meetings with pupils in Year 10 and the Lower Sixth from the beginning of June. This announcement is subject to final confirmation at the end of May, and is likely to involve only small numbers of pupils for parts of the day in the first instance. We are not expecting any return to significant full class teaching before the end of the summer term.

In view of the uncertainty, we have decided that it will not be possible to re-open any of our boarding houses for the remainder of this term.

We are waiting for the Department for Education to release guidance on the implications for boarding from September. The Boarding Schools Association has been in regular contact with the DfE and we will follow their recommendations closely, in order to ensure that the boarding is a secure and healthy environment for all pupils and staff. We will be in touch when we have received that guidance and had time to consider how best to implement its recommendations for your son and the whole boarding community. Please rest assured that we have your son's best interests at heart and are considering a number of options for reopening next year.

You will have noticed in the headmaster's e-mail that we continue to organise a large number of extra-curricular activities and I would ask you to encourage your son to engage with at least one of these.

Yours faithfully,

Dr David Rowe
Head of Boarding