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Dear parents and carers,

Government announcement about secondary schools opening for more students

I hope you and your family is well during this prolonged period of uncertainty. I am writing to you today about the latest announcement from the Government.

As you may know, this week the Academy is open for those students whose parents are key workers, other students who are eligible for other reasons, and for the first-time since the outbreak began students in Year 10, a quarter of a year group at a time. Today the Department for Education has announced that school leaders may invite students from any year group to attend face-to-face meetings as long as it is keeping with 'wider protective measures.'

We currently have a range of measures in place at the Academy to ensure the safety of the students attending and of our staff. These measures (like ensuring social distancing) means that we have considerably less space than we do when we are open as normal.

We will be looking at further advice from the Government this week and working in partnership with Oasis Community Learning to explore what is best at Oasis Academy Arena. We will need to carefully consider if we can safely welcome back more students, and if so, how and when.

Throughout the coronavirus outbreak, my team and I have been eager to welcome the students as soon as it is safe to do so. While of course these announcements suggest that we moving closer to the day when we can all be back together, we need to ensure that everyone's safety is our first priority.

I will be back in touch next week with further updates on our next steps.
Yours sincerely,

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