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Dear Parents/Carers,

I had hoped to be contacting you about plans for re-opening, following the Prime-Minister's address yesterday evening. However, in the absence of direction on this matter, I wish to update you on the means by which we are engaging with our students; specifically, now that we know there will be a further period of time when our students will not be in school, we are planning our next phase of work with our young people.

In addition to the usual Show My Homework tasks, the House Assemblies and any other forms of communication we use, we will shortly increase our level of engagement by using existing technology. Initially, this will begin through interactive contact with the form tutor, to groups of students from their forms (there are only so many students that can fit onto one screen) in order to re-establish conversations and dialogue with our young people. Although we await further detail from the government, it is unclear whether all the school will return before September, and it is timely to develop our communication in this manner.

This will enable some conversations around general matters of managing and coping with lockdown, but it will also develop into conversations with subject teachers to enable better understanding of tasks and work set, and also to focus on the importance of the staff/student relationships at the school.

Of course, if/when further details are announced, we will continue to follow directions in terms of re-opening and I will be in touch again.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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**Principal, The Priory School**