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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you regarding the reintegration of Year 10 students into school which was announced by the Government earlier this month. I am aware that there has been a lot of discussion around this in the media and I would like to take this opportunity to say that a huge amount of planning is being put in place at Bramcote College to make the reopening of the school to Year 10s as safe as possible for students, staff and their families.

Our plans focus on ensuring that the school will be a safe and positive environment for Year 10s and their teachers to come back to when we do reopen to them. We have discussed which areas of the school will be used and how students and staff will use the spaces we have in the best way to both ensure social distancing and minimising the number of people each student or staff member comes into contact with. These plans are as detailed as looking at desk spacing, the use of classroom resources and even ventilation in classrooms. We have also focussed on ensuring that the right cleaning resources are available, and we have updated our cleaning routines to reflect our changing needs. In addition to this a lot of time and thought is going into creating a suitable timetable for students to follow.

Yesterday the Government announced that they are now in consultation over more specific details about reopening secondary schools to Year 10 and 12 and we expect that they will provide more information to Headteachers on May 28th. Because of this, I wanted to let you know that the earliest date we could expect to reopen to Year 10s would be June 8th, however, this depends heavily on the results of the consultation and the directions we receive from the Government. We will keep you updated on any plans which are made.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us at our Parents' Forum Zoom meeting on June 4th. The meeting will start at 6:00pm and be open for general questions for the first 30 minutes and then from 6:30pm we will be discussing any questions raised about the reopening of school to Year 10. If you want to join us, please book a place on the Zoom meeting and any questions that you want to raise via email to parents@bramcote.college

Yours sincerely,

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