

Dear Parents and Carers,

I sincerely hope that you and your family are safe and well.

I write to you at the end of a difficult half term, full of uncertainty, to update you on the school position moving forward.

I appreciate that these are very challenging times for families with the changes that you have had to try and deal with. I know that there are many people struggling to cope with the uncertainty that this crisis has caused as well as social isolation, loss of income and employment and in some cases the loss of a loved one. On top of all of this you have had to deal with trying to encourage your children to continue their education at home.

I hope you have had a chance to read the letter from Rochdale council about school reopening. This letter states that none of the secondary schools across Rochdale will be open for Year 10 pupils from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Hollingworth will be in a similar position: My overriding concern is to ensure all of the children and adults on site are safe and we are developing detailed plans to achieve this. We are doing this in a climate of shifting advice and are still waiting for the Department for Education to publish specific guidance for secondary schools.

We are planning to phase the return of small groups of Year 10 pupils back into school from mid-June. I will write to you after half term and share the details of these plans. These plans are subject to amendment should the advice we receive from the government change.

We want to return to school, get back to our usual routines and start to work with our pupils again. However, it would be irresponsible of me to open the school to a wider group of pupils without making sure that issues like social distancing and safe working practices are in place so that we avoid a spike in COVID 19 cases within the community.

In the meantime, we will be doing all that we can to support children in their learning from home. I will keep you all updated via the website and share the plans for a phased reopening once these have been approved.

Yours Sincerely,

Darren Randle

Headteacher