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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you are keeping well in the current circumstances. We recognise that this is a particularly difficult time for children and young people with Special Needs and their families.

It seems a while since we communicated with you all, so we would like to take this opportunity to keep you fully informed with what is happening at Ravenshall School.

Although the Government's plans of how to get children back to school are still uncertain, we would like to explain how *our* plans for this half term have been determined. In addition to this, we'll be sharing some key dates and information which may affect your family.

Firstly, let us reassure you that safety will always be our primary concern. Whilst we have been in a position to open the school a little more widely, it has been determined on very strict risk assessments. We recognise that each individual child with SEND has their own needs, therefore our priorities for attendance are based on each child's risk assessment with staff and professional agencies working together with families.

We hope that we can continue to work with our very loyal and supportive families to offer places to more children while maintaining a safe environment - this is our key priority at all times. We will be in touch with parents individually to arrange how this may happen. This may be via group call text messages, surveys or telephone calls from the school.

Additionally, from Tuesday 30th June, staff will be concentrating on developing our transitional arrangements for many of our new pupils who will be starting Ravenshall in September. Clearly things will be very different this year, but the importance of the work we do to ensure new children and young people feel secure and informed about their next school placement is hugely important for them, their families and our staffing team.

Finally, we would like to remind you of some key dates for this half term.

- **Friday 26th June – Year 11 and Year 13 Leavers' Day (Please note, this is the LAST day of school for all our Yr11 and Yr13 students)**
- **Monday 29th June - School Closed for Inset Day**
- **Thursday 2nd July – Full Governors Meeting**
- **Friday 17th July – School Closes for Summer Break**

Please keep checking the school website for more information and updates. In the meantime we wish you a safe and happy few weeks in the sunshine (hopefully!) and watch out for a newsletter we will be sharing with you before the end of term.

Best wishes from Ravenshall's Senior Leadership Team

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