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Dear parents and carers

I hope that you are well and managing to adjust to these unusual times and we hope that your children are continuing to adapt to learning at home. I have seen some fantastic learning on google classroom.

Please remember that the school will be closed from Monday 25th May for the half term holiday. The online lessons will restart on the morning of Monday 1st June.

In this letter there is information about:

1. The Government's announcement about possible reopening
2. Home learning and the parent survey
3. Safeguarding and the risk of domestic abuse
4. Provision for vulnerable students and the children of essential key workers
5. Support for families experiencing hardship or those struggling to access IT

1. The Government's announcement about possible school reopening plans:

Vulnerable students and those that are the children of key workers will still be able to attend school if you wish them to do so. Contact Ms Moses, annette.moses@uaesouthbank.org.uk if this applies to your child and let her know the days that you would like them to attend school.

You will be aware of the Prime Minister's announcement about the next phase of the lockdown. This included some reference to the possible reopening of schools. For our school this will apply to students in years 10 and year 12. The school leadership team is currently planning how we might safely implement face to face working with our year 10 and year 12 students.

These plans are based on government guidance and include consideration of:

- what the curriculum and timetable will look like
- new hygiene and social distancing protocols
- how we can support the mental well being of the school community
- provision of PPE for our first aiders and other relevant staff.

As soon as we are in a position to share more with you, we will update you as soon as possible. We know that this uncertainty can be unsettling.

2. Home learning

Please remember that advice on home learning can be found at these pages on our website:

[Parent home learning support](#)

[Online school timetable](#)

If you haven't already then please do spend some time browsing the school [website](#) and the school [YouTube channel](#). There is a lot of content to support you and engage your child through the lockdown period.

Mr Moore has sent you a survey, please can you complete this so that we can get feedback and make improvements where possible. You can complete the survey [here](#).



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3. Safeguarding and the risk of domestic abuse:

As a response to COVID-19 all schools and colleges have issued an addendum to the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy. Our addendum has been agreed by governors and can now be found on our website.

Since the start of the lockdown we know that nationally there has been an increase in domestic abuse. If you are experiencing domestic abuse or you know of a family who is, please contact:

- Our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Annette Moses on 07958576875
- Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead Jason Badu on 07593935036
- The National Domestic Abuse helpline on 0808 2000 247

4. Provision for vulnerable students and the children of essential key workers:

We remain open for vulnerable students and the children of essential key workers. If you need to contact us about this provision, please email Mrs Moses at annette.moses@uaesouthbank.org.uk

5. Support for families experiencing hardship or those struggling to access IT

Please contact:

Mrs Moses at annette.moses@uaesouthbank.org.uk if your child doesn't have adequate access to IT to complete the home learning

Mr Philpsz at Jason.philpsz@uaesouthbank.org.uk if your family is experiencing financial hardship because of the knock on effect of lockdown, such as you being furloughed or made redundant.

And finally it is National Thank A Teacher Day on Wednesday 20th May. It will mark a moment when people can say thank you to teachers who are making a difference particularly during these unprecedented times. Many of our teachers are making huge efforts to keep your children engaged in their learning and engaged in our community, sometimes whilst coping with some very difficult circumstances of their own. If you feel you would like to show them your support then I'm sure they would really appreciate it.

The Teaching Awards Trust are asking as many people as possible to share their message of thanks, ideally in a video clip leading up to the day. Post your video or message using #ThankATeacher and tagging @UAESouthBank on Instagram or Twitter!

For more information visit <https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-ateacher-day/>

I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you all again once the school reopens.

Yours sincerely

John Taylor
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