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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Thank You**

I would like to thank you for your overwhelming support during this difficult and uncertain time. I am very grateful for this and for your understanding of how we are all juggling various responsibilities. It is clear that all of our families have unique circumstances that they are facing. This makes setting work and feeding back to students incredibly difficult to get right. I am under the opinion that KNBS staff have achieved a really good balance, and feedback suggests this is your view too.

## **Next Steps**

The Government has now set out in their road map the next step for secondary education. After the 1<sup>st</sup> June, we shall increase our provision to include Year 10. No one is certain, yet, what this will look like in each school. Under this Government plan;

*"secondary schools should begin to prepare for some face to face contact with Year 10, who have key exams next year, in support of their continued remote home learning".*

We have, of course, started to plan for this eventuality. It is of great importance that these plans provide suitable protection and precautions that help us to effectively manage any risks associated with an increase in student numbers. This planning is being completed very carefully and we will be sharing it in more detail with Year 10 families so they can ask questions, provide feedback and share their intentions.

There is also flexibility built into the Government road map, as it monitors the R (rate of infection) and responds to any increase seen. Therefore, I see little change on the horizon for our Years 7 – 9. We miss not seeing our boys in school but I am sure they understand why this situation endures. We will continue to set regular English, Maths and Science work, which will be topped up with a combination of projects, competitions and subject work, with notifications through text, our website and SMH (Show My Homework). As the situation has continued, we have tried to shift our work to reinforce content and skills that our boys will already have, rather than introduce too much that is new, to avoid overburdening you all. We will continue to update our website to provide our distinct messages for each year group.

*"It is often in the face of adversity that your true character shines through".* The character and attitude displayed by our staff, students and community has made me very proud to be connected to King's Norton Boys' School. Thank you once more for your continued support.

Best wishes,

**Mr Clayton**  
**Headteacher**