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### Dear parent/carer

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU for all the work you are doing to support your son/daughter with home learning. It is not an easy task. Your emails have been lovely to receive and I do pass on your thanks and supportive comments. It is really important that you let us know when home learning is not going well too, so we can support you.

There is a lot of confusion in the press regarding opening schools. We have no definite date to open our school building to any students other than those of key workers or vulnerable children who cannot be at home. I sent you a letter with this information yesterday. Advice is still very clear that staying home is the safest thing for the vast majority of our students.

There is lots of talk about schools opening to Years 10 and 12. This is for face-to-face support where possible. We will be doing wellbeing reviews with both of those year groups in the first instance and will be sending further details. We will not be expecting students to attend these in person unless they wish to.

It may seem like people have forgotten some of our year groups with the focus on Years 10-13, but our Years 7, 8 and 9 remain equally as important to us and we are very proud of how they have coped with all of the changes. Year 8 will shortly receive their choices for their personalised curriculum too. We are also currently working hard to help our new Year 7 students to make the transition from Year 6.

We cannot wait to welcome our students back and see them day-to-day, but we still cannot do this. We miss them. We will keep our contact with them, setting and marking work, enjoying their posts on our departments' Twitter and Instagram accounts and hearing from them. I am so proud of our students.

One of our governors sent me this and it is so true about St Hilda's and our St Hilda's Family:

*1 Corinthians 12: There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body.*

All of our St Hilda's family are an individual piece of a wonderful jigsaw.

Please look after yourselves and try to enjoy some time during half term when you are not supporting with home learning. Students and staff need a break, and so do you.

Stay safe,

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