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Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers and Students

I wanted to write for a final time on what is the penultimate day of the Summer term 2020. Firstly, to reflect on what an incredibly complex year we've come through together. There have been celebrations, frustrations, worries, and a feeling of the unknown as we have navigated the year and particularly the last five months together, and we all acknowledge that our ways of working and living have significantly changed in this period of lockdown. We have all found some new ways of working and communicating that will shape the future for our schools, communities and our families; and we have all grown a greater appreciation of the things that we have and continue to miss. We have learned a great deal about ourselves, our work, our schools and our communities and we don't want to lose sight of this so that we can continue to improve our work as a school and to work in partnership with you all.

I also want to share with you our plan for September (and also our amended Behaviour Procedures) – please keep in mind that this is a draft plan and subject to change depending on the national picture and any changes to the guidance for schools over the following six weeks. This is the same “main plan” that has been shared with staff and amended as a result of their insightful commentary. There is clearly considerable detail behind this but I am aware that many parents will appreciate seeing the main plan ahead of the holiday; however, before we return in the last week of August we will also be sending you:

- A summary of the plan and the measures / procedures that your child will need to adhere to on return
- The amended Behaviour procedures and Attendance procedures
- A link to the final Risk Assessment which will be published on the website
- A link through which you can:
 - confirm that your child understands and can fully comply with the measures put in place for the health and well-being of the community
 - update your child's tutor on any changes to you / your child's circumstances which you would like to tell us about
- Specific guidance for parents of students using the Resource Base
- A letter specifically relating to PE and Dance
- Specific guidance concerning equipment that every child must bring to school every day to avoid sharing of materials



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When we break up tomorrow afternoon (2pm), I want you to do so safe in the knowledge that we will continue to keep you informed if anything changes over the summer break, and to assure you that we will continue to be working towards our aim of bringing all of our children and young people back in September. Below is a brief table of key events over the holiday:

What?	When?
Support over the holiday for individual subject areas and pastoral support	Ongoing throughout the holiday. See previous correspondence
Results Day for A Level / BTEC	Thursday August 13th
Results Day for GCSE	Thursday August 20th
Return to school administration (as described above) to parents)	w/c 24th August

I appreciate that things will look different in September, and we ask for your continued support as we work to be able to adapt and learn these new ways of working. It is likely that the autumn term will bring further change, and we will need to continue to adapt along the way; our ability to respond quickly will be important. In the meantime, I have asked staff to close their laptops and make sure that they take a good break to refresh and reenergise ready for the term ahead.

Lastly, I wanted to thank you for your continued support of the Theale Green School community and for your tireless efforts in supporting the children and young people through this crisis. The role that you have played in providing learning, stability, consistency, love and support at home is not underestimated and has played a hugely significant role in supporting us to bring our children and young people back into school in September. Thank you for all that you have done.

I hope that you do have a good summer holiday period, whatever it may look like, and that you all stay safe and well and I look forward to meeting with you all over the next school year (when we're allowed to do so), and having continued conversation about Theale Green School's journey.

With best wishes

Mrs J Halliday
Headteacher