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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 10 Important Survey

As you will be aware from the Pontefract Academies Trust update on Wednesday 13th May 2020, the Trust are currently undertaking a robust risk assessment to determine how the Government's guidance on schools re-opening can be implemented to ensure the safety of our pupils and staff.

The current Government guidance around Year 10 is that we should endeavour to provide some form of 'face to face' sessions between teachers and pupils before the summer break. In order to implement the detailed planning required for a potential return to school, it would be very helpful for us to ascertain the number of pupils we expect to attend. We would therefore appreciate it if parents and carers of pupils in Year 10 could complete a very short survey available here <u>https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LNHNS6Z</u> by no later than **Monday 18th May 2020 at 6pm.** Even if you have had a discussion with a member of staff about your intentions, please complete the survey. In our initial planning, we are looking at starting sessions the week commencing Monday 8th June 2020.

Once we have a clear idea on numbers, we can plan in detail how we intend to deliver these sessions and we will issue further communication. Clearly the health and safety of pupils and staff has and will be paramount, whilst still having a focus on giving our pupils the best education possible in this difficult situation. Any sessions will be complimented by further home learning which we are constantly reviewing and looking to improve.

We know that this is a deeply unsettling time for us all. As was emphasised in the Trust update on Wednesday, we want to reassure you that whilst we want our pupils back in the classroom where they belong, this will only happen once we, as a Trust, are convinced that the appropriate safety measures can be fully implemented. By completing the survey, this will inform our risk assessment and planning. We would like to extend our appreciation of your cooperation in advance.

With very best wishes,

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