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Dear Parents and Carers

It is with great disappointment that we received news yesterday from Sefton Council that secondary schools would remain closed next week (week beginning June 15th) when we had hoped to begin to welcome back our Year 10 pupils. It is my desire to see all pupils return to school as soon as safely possible but at present the R rate in Sefton remains high and I must follow the guidance provided by the Health and safety experts used by Sefton local authority. I remain hopeful that we can begin to welcome the planned year 10 pupils back on the week beginning Monday June 22nd and I will send confirmation of this next week if the council approves opening.

When we do bring Y10 back we have been told by the government that only 25% of the year-group can attend at any one time so, pending approval from the council, parents and pupils will receive a letter from me next week with dates and times for pupils to attend on a rotation over the remaining 4 weeks of term.

It is my belief that all children would greatly benefit from a return to some form of normalcy that school brings with face-to-face contact with teachers and social contact with their peers however we must acknowledge that when pupils do return to school it will be different to the school they left with new rules around hygiene and social distancing in place to keep everyone in our school community and in the wider community that our pupils come from safe. It is essential all members of our school community respect these rules when they return.

I also acknowledge that there will be some parents and families who will have reservations about returning to school while there is still some risk from Covid-19 and in many cases this may be for good reasons around family members with health issues which make them vulnerable. Where Y10 pupils are invited back to school but parents feel unsure or unwilling to send them they should contact the school to discuss this matter so we can make sure we have everything in place that we can or that registers are coded correctly if a pupil is not able to return yet.

Teachers continue to set work through class charts and from next week we hope to pilot some virtual lessons for Years 7-9 delivered through video conferencing software which I will send further details of later in the week. I hope as many of your children as possible can engage with these pilot lessons so we can improve our use of technology and through it our home-learning provision.

I urge those of you who may have issues with access to technology to contact the school so we can support where possible. Please email admin@saviosalesiancollege.com if you fall into this group.

Finally I attach the letter from the council confirming no school reopening next week.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher