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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the last few months, the world has had to react in ways we never thought possible. It is through difficult times that communities come together. We have all witnessed the selfless acts of the NHS staff and carers who have been risking their lives every day to save others and continue to do so. I am delighted to attach a link to our song: We all stand together <https://www.youtube.com/watch?edufilter=NULL&v=D9O6MN-wVx4> sung by 'YOU' the community of Quinton House School. A special thanks to Mr Riley for mixing the song and editing the video. We dedicate this song to all the NHS carers and the staff at the Cynthia Spencer Hospice. Thank you everyone for being part of this.

This week we welcomed back to school the Year 10's on a rota and it was an absolute delight to see them return and responsibly adhering to all social distancing rules. Following the announcement that the intention is for all schools to return in September, we are meticulously planning for the reopening to ensure whatever restrictions may or may not be placed on the school, we will be ready.

Over this period of lockdown easing we have stipulated that casual clothing may be worn. In September we would like to return to school uniform. We have been discussing ways of reducing the cost to parents and one area you have brought to my attention is the PE kit that is required to be purchased. I can confirm that the number of items required to be purchased has now been reduced for September 2020. The new requirements are on our website. As normal summer clothing or winter clothing may be worn up until the October half term. We will continue to look at ways over the new academic year to reduce costs further.

This week we have our virtual transition day for all existing students moving up and we will welcome many new students. I know that they will receive a warm welcome from everyone.

Letters confirming Year 9 into Year 10 options will be sent out on Monday. If you have any queries, please contact Mr Clarke in the first instance.

Our students continue to excel in so many different ways throughout this surreal period. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Jack Bott and Daniel Willington who both won first prize in the recent Weetabix challenge. Jack and Daniel were tasked to research and design a new cereal and then pitch the products to three marketing experts from Weetabix live via Microsoft Teams. They all came up with a concept, name, logo and marketing campaign. A fantastic achievement and I look forward to tasting the new cereal.

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Mrs Chapman, former Deputy Head and an inspirational History teacher. Mrs Chapman spent many years at Quinton House school and during her time was a supportive and well-loved Deputy as well as an inspirational History teacher. The students adored her, and many went on to study either A Level or read History at University. Former students and staff have remarked that they fondly remember her contagious laugh and sense of humour. Her acts of kindness for both students, staff and the community were countless, and our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

As preparations are ongoing over the summer to prepare the school for re-opening in September, I wanted to inform everyone that there will be no Nursery holiday club running over the summer recess. The wellbeing of my colleagues is of considerable importance to me and I am sure you will support this decision.

As always please keep in contact and I look forward to catching up with you all on Teams during the remaining weeks of term.

With warmest wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Storey', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Jo Storey  
Principal