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Dear Parents/Carers

This letter has been agreed by the Crawley secondary Headteachers of Ifield Community College, Holy Trinity School, St. Wilfrid's, Oriol High School, Hazelwick and The Gatwick School and is being sent to all our families.

You will have heard confusing and rather mixed messages about some students returning to school. There is a lot of debate about some primary year groups returning and the difficulties in keeping the students, the staff and the community safe if this happens.

The secondary school guidance is much more vague and we have not had the level of detail afforded our primary colleagues. We anticipate some specific guidance but this has not yet been released.

We are keen to keep everyone safe.

As a group of secondary Headteachers of the schools in Crawley we have unanimously agreed that no students will be in school (other than those for childcare) any earlier than 15th June. We will await further guidance from the government and the local authority. We are meeting again after half term to discuss any changes in the position particularly in the light of the government review of their five tests.

We have come to this position in order to act responsibly for the welfare of the school and local community. We will continue to strive to offer the best quality remote learning possible.

We will be back in touch once we know more of what is proposed for secondary schools but we want to keep you up to date as far as possibly can at all times.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Ferry
Headteacher