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Dear Year 11/13 students,

I am so sorry I cannot be with you at this difficult time but please be assured that I am continuing to work with senior leaders to support staff and students through this period of uncertainty.

It has now been confirmed that exams due to be held in May and June will be cancelled but the government has said it'll work with others to ensure students get the qualifications they need.

They are yet to announce their plans on how they will ensure children get the qualifications that they need but it was clearly stated that no child would be "unfairly penalised" as a result of the decision.

In the meantime, we still need to prepare you to reach a required standard for the next stage of your lives. Your post 16 and 18 choices require you to be "course ready". Our intention is that we continue with our teaching plans so that you continue to learn and develop understanding in your chosen subjects.

There is a possibility that teacher assessments will be used to award qualifications but again this is speculation. What I am certain of is that young people cannot afford to lose their learning abilities, aspirations and hopes because of this decision.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and it's far from ideal, as you have worked hard to prepare for your exams.

Please seek support from your teachers and support staff today. They are on hand to get you through this difficult time.

Kind regards

Mrs Grewal-Joy

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