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To all parents/carers  
at Ebor Academy Filey

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Easing the lockdown in Ebor schools**

You will be all too aware of the national debate of the decision to gradually reopen schools to more children as long as key safety criteria is met. Since the Prime Minister's announcement, there has been a raft of government guidance and schools across the country are working to see how these intentions might be achieved.

I want to make it clear that we will only open our schools to more pupils if we are satisfied the risks have been minimised according to government guidance. **The health and safety of staff and pupils is a guiding principle in every decision we make.**

Our initial plans – subject to the government's key criteria being met – are that for Ebor Academy Filey to be closed during the half term in order for the rooms to be thoroughly cleaned, organised and made safe and ready for what will be a very new scenario. The academy will then re-open on Monday 1 June 2020. Mr Cartmail is working on a plan to organise Year 10 students into five small groups, each group attending school one day per week. This provision will be reviewed and changed if required

Looking ahead, we will continue to prioritise, above all others, those students who are still coming to school – namely, vulnerable children, children with Education and Health Care Plans, children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and children of workers critical to the response to Covid-19. I want to emphasise any measures to open more widely will be taken extremely cautiously and only when we are confident we can do so.

At the same time, we need to acknowledge that available capacity in our schools will dictate this pace and it is perfectly feasible that in order to maintain satisfactory distancing, there will be limits to the number of children who can attend. I attach an information sheet I hope will be helpful. Mr Cartmail and I will continue to keep you informed of progress as this situation continues to unfold.

Best wishes.

Yours faithfully



**Mrs Gail Brown**  
Chief Executive and Executive Headteacher