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Mail has fucked up remnants of my Scottish break so back in chequers and in a thoroughly homicidal mood

We need a plan for the dept of education.

We need a perm sec and we need better ministers and quite frankly we need an agenda of reform.

We can't go on like this. I am thinking of going into number ten and firing people

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Sorry your holiday has been ruined.

Interestingly Gavin was telling jack how much he enjoyed being chief whip...

There does need to be an overhaul. Too much poor performance without consequence. Personally I think you should ponder a proper reshuffle as so much dead weight in current cabinet (although we are not awash with talent elsewhere). But I understand there are drawbacks too. But it's not just minister - ofqual has been a shambles and, as you know, no one at DfE has even been at work.

Slater and Black eyes both seem to have been telling people that they are not leaving their posts, which I find bananas when both have giving orders. Private office also needs to be gripped. Hopefully the changes Dom is making to office structure will help.

Main thing now is for kids to be back at school next month. There can be no excuses - but there needs to be grip on this from the centre. Gavin assured me this week it's all in hand but I remain sceptical.

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It's about political grip. We should have seen a mile off that this algorithm would be a disaster

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There were quite a few conversations about it - including one of the morning meetings when we discussed not u-turning if we did it following what happened in Scotland.

Of course the big error was dfe cancelling exams in May without the political team in No10 being aware

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I still think many of the problems we have on grip are due to a poorly run private office

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Yes I remember that but meg and the govies are now saying they were warning even before the Scottish u turn. Never mind.

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Meg was, this is true.

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In my box last sat I had three bits of paper about I&S and nothing about a levels

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If i have to come back to Helen's bullshit with PET -- designed to waste huge amounts of my time so i cant spend it on other stuff -- I will personally handcuff her and escort her from the building. I dont care how it is done but that woman must be out of our hair -- we cannot keep dealing with this horrific meltdown of the british state while dodging stilettos from that cunt

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She implied to frosty she would be here for a while yet...

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Don't think sustainable for GW to stay dfe. Think lee needs to brief reshuffle after SR ASAP. Will get people in line. Focus minds intensely for next 16 weeks, and you spell out explicitly to Cabinet when next meet -- I've had enough of the leaks and briefing, there'll be a reshuffle between SR and Xmas, I'm looking for quiet competence, not interviews and briefing and the usual gimmicks...

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Yes there'll be turbulence but next four months are going to be turbulent and tough as hell in all scenarios. We need a path through til April by which we shd be through covid and economy recovering noticeably and building happening everywhere

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Agree but fatal to brief cab about upcoming reshuffle

Stick to line that nothing till next year as far as whips know etc

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Think this is a big big mistake and not sustainable -- if you dont get the CAB back into line you will have months more of the mayhem briefing and leaking -- this has seriously damaged your authority -- you need to get this back, you need to read riot act to CAB and SW1 shd know theres a reshuffle coming between SR and Xmas. At the moment the bubble thinks youve taken your eye off ball, youre happy to have useless fuckpigs in charge, and they think that a vast amount of the chaotic news on the front pages is coming from no10 when in fact it's coming from the Cabinet who are ferral -- if you maintain your approach of last few months, your authority will be severely weakened and you will lose good people cos they dont want to be part of something that looks like mayhem. I urge you to ponder on this this week. If wedont grip things over next month, things cd easily snowball out of control amid the disastrous econ news -- and there cd be talk of leadership challenges.

I also must stress i think leaving Hancock in post is a big mistake -- he is a proven liar who nobody believes or shd believe on anything, and we face going into autumn crisis with the cunt in charge of NHS still -- therefore we will be back around that cabinet table with him and stevens bullshitting again in Sep. Hideous prospect

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Not sure when you think reshuffle should happen. Before sept to move Hancock ? Or November ?

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Or when ?

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The prob is that we have no overarching domestic policy agenda and we are not setting out a vision for the country

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don't solve all problems by endlessly sacking people

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BTW I agree on need for reshuffle this year just unsure that it's a good idea to signal to cab. Becomes the only story in town. Keep the whole thing dark.

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That's my point.

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And if we sack leakers the. We have to sack both grant and Brandon first because I am afraid they are the two worst. Then gove.

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Problem leakers - Hancock, Grant, Wallace, truss. There are other second order ones but these four have caused real problems this year

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Agree with domestic policy agenda. We do need to up the fire power in key areas both inside No10 and in the cabinet. Whenever we do a reshuffle it should be bold and filled with those you are convinced will deliver for you - we don't want to have to do another for a long time

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Youve been fragged by Sedwill. Turns out that he told Martin 'deed done, Slater fired' but did not tell Slater that in July. Slater came back from his chat in good spirits and told his private office 'all fine ive just go to work on my relationship with no10'!! Slater was only told the week before the last that he was for chop. Hence much of Gavin's confusion. Gavin is not opposed to Slater going asap, now he knows SAH is ready to take over. Apparently Mark is being generally uncooperative and stroping with everyone so doesnt surprise hes let this go tits up

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Got it. Anyway we stuck w slater going pronto

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CORONA STORY OF THE DAY ... Comes via the Times diary, which carries an intriguing little tale from the north east. "On a visit to Chillingham Castle in Northumberland last week, Anna Silverman, a TMS reader, fell into conversation with its owner, Sir Humphry Wakefield, father-in-law of Dominic Cummings," Patrick Kidd reports. He "merrily informed her that Boris Johnson is still struggling badly with having had COVID-19 (as if being a new father and needing to babysit Gavin Williamson isn't tiring enough) and will stand down in six months. A keen rider, Wakefield compared having the virus to being gone in the fetlock. 'If you put a horse back to work when it's injured it will never recover,' he said." Cripes. No. 10 will not be amused.

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Dom can you apply a cattle prod to humphrys temporal lobe

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We should brace ourselves for a fight

We are sacking slater not Gavin and it won't look pretty

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