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Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well.

As you will be aware, it is the Government's plan that all children and young people, in all year groups, will return to school and college full time in September.

The Government have made this decision because the prevalence of coronavirus (COVID-19) has decreased since schools and colleges restricted their opening to most pupils in March, the NHS Test and Trace system is up and running and there is an increased understanding about the measures that need to be in place to create safer environments in schools. As a result, the Government has asked schools to plan for all children and young people to return from the start of the new academic year.

The guidance for schools on full opening from September was published last Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, and as a result, school leaders are currently determining how the measures within the guidance can be implemented to ensure that all necessary control measures are in place.

Next week, the Principal of the academy your child attends will share the detail behind the reopening plan with you. However, as we expect further updates and announcements from the government during the summer break, the plans may be subject to change and as such, we ask that you check correspondence from school regularly during this time so that you are alerted to any changes to the plan at the earliest opportunity. We appreciate the frustration that changes to plans can cause, however, we have to be guided by national and local guidance when making decisions.

We are committed to ensuring that all pupils are welcomed back to school in September as we recognise that missing too much school can have a negative impact on children's mental health and wellbeing. We will ensure that Covid-19 secure measures remain in place to reduce the risk of transmission, with our schools keeping children in class or year group sized 'bubbles' and we will encourage older children to keep their distance from each other and staff where possible. This will be alongside protective measures such as regular cleaning and handwashing.

We hope that all our school families have an enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing all our pupils in the new term. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Pratten  
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