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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Return to School in September

On 2nd July, the Government finally published its guidance for schools opening in September. Since then we have been working hard to put all measures in place, including detailed plans and risk assessments, which have now been agreed by the Full Governing Board and the Local Authority. I am very pleased to say, that at this point in time, we are able to welcome all of our pupils back in September in all year groups.

Having said this, it is very important that all parents, carers and pupils understand that it will not be 'business as usual,' and that the school will run in a different way to begin with. The government guidance still places lots of restrictions on what we can and cannot do in September and this is also very much subject to change over the Summer and as we move into the new academic year. The changes we are having to make are not of our choosing and the limitations being placed upon us are just as frustrating for us as a staff, as it is for parents and pupils. So I would ask for your patience and understanding as we move forward into our new 'normal.'

Pupils joining us in Reception will be following the plan that we have already shared with parents for the first three weeks.

For all other year groups, and Reception from Week 4 onwards, we have put together a Parent Handbook. This handbook details all of the arrangements and measures we have put in place to keep pupils safe as they return to school. Please ensure that you have read it thoroughly and talked it through with your child/children prior to September, so that they have some understanding of what school will look and feel like for them when they return.

We have also attached a copy of the Whole School Risk assessment and the COVID Recovery Plan, which details how we plan to adapt our curriculum to plug gaps and address wellbeing in September. These are also available on our website.

Just a quick reminder too, that the 1st and 2nd September are TED Days, so school will re-open to pupils on 3rd September. Places are available for wrap around care on these days if you require it – please speak to Mrs Bishop or Mrs Lawson.

We very much hope that you all manage to have wonderful Summer together and a much needed break. Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Amanda Richards, Headteacher



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