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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the start of the new academic year I wanted to take the opportunity to update you on our plans.

All year groups will return to school the week beginning the 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Please read the attached information sheet for details about the start date for your child. Please note the change of start date for Year 10.

As I explained to you in July, there have had to be some significant changes made to the way that we operate as a school in order for us to open safely. All these changes are also outlined in the attached document. I would ask you to read this carefully, along with the amended behaviour policy so that you have a clear understanding of what to expect for your child in September and that they also understand clearly what we expect from them. You will, I am sure, appreciate that adherence to public health guidance is non-negotiable and that we cannot tolerate students contravening these rules. This is for their safety, as well as the health and wellbeing of the staff and all our families beyond school. I would ask you to re-iterate this to your child and impress upon them the seriousness of the situation so that they understand the importance of social distancing and hygiene.

As you will have seen in the news face masks are now advised for secondary school students when they are travelling to and from school on the bus and also when they are moving around the school site. Face masks in school must be one plain colour. Please ensure that your child has a clean face mask each day.

We are confident that we have a robust plan for re-opening and are really looking forward to welcoming all our students back to school. We are totally committed to ensuring that your child has all the support that they need to get back into a daily routine and continue to thrive in school.

In the unlikely event of any further closures we need to be sure that all students can access the curriculum remotely and so we are continuing to develop our digital curriculum.

There is some key information that we need to collect from every parent so please can you complete all sections of the parent form that you can access <http://www.shorturl.at/aK PQS>

We will continue to review the changes that we have made in light of developing government guidance and we will keep you informed of these changes. May I thank you for your ongoing support during what has been an extraordinarily challenging time for everyone in our community.

Yours faithfully

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