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Dear Families,

I hope you and your families remain well and safe, and that you have managed to have some quality rest and relaxation during the holidays.

I wrote to you all at the end of Summer term to remind you to keep a regular eye on our website for all of the latest updates (this key message remains and will do throughout the next term).

I am extremely grateful to all of our staff teams who have continued to work hard during the summer holidays to ensure the school is safe for everybody. We are all looking forward to welcoming back pupils from Wednesday 2 September. The arrangements are different for each year group so it is important that you carefully read the full details about the [Primary reopening in Ms Raymond's letter here](#), and the Secondary details in Mrs Collin's letter here.

The expectation from the Government is that all children will return to school and that attendance returns to normal. We are being asked to follow up any attendance issues with you. It is very important that you keep in touch with us if there are any problems. We will be providing your child and you with lots of support. Our key focus at the start of term will be wellbeing, getting used to the new routines and following all of the protective measures strictly.

Please visit gov.uk/backtoschool for additional information and practical guidance to help you plan for your child's return to school. The Government has also promised more leaflets explaining more about the safety measures in place over the coming days. BBC Bitesize is also producing lots of information to support you, [please click here](#). Pupils who live within a mile of the school and have the option to walk or cycle to get to school are encouraged to do so, please visit the [new Cycling and Walking Plan](#).

The start of the new academic year will be very different and there are many new routines to get used to. I thank you in advance for all of your support in helping to the school to reinforce these. We must all remember these are to keep our children safe (and therefore you) and colleagues safe. We will be monitoring these very carefully, carrying out further risk assessments so that all of the latest guidance and best practice is in place. It is therefore extremely important that you regularly visit our website for the most up to date information and discuss the routines with your child.

At this time of year, I would normally be writing to tell you all about the public exam results and the excellent achievements of our pupils. I know you will appreciate that given the circumstances around the grades this year nationally it doesn't quite feel correct to do so at this point. There will be a moment for that later on. In short, many of our students have done extremely well and are progressing to some outstanding destinations, including 4 students going to Oxford and Cambridge. Sadly, some of students have been affected by the whole exams fiasco, and we are continuing to work hard to ensure to get them into their university or apprenticeship of choice.



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All of our students have so much to be proud of and who have impressed as much with their commitment to sport, culture, performance, politics and social action as with their serious academic achievement. We are going to miss all of the students who are leaving us and we wish them the very best for the bright futures that lie ahead.

Finally, I would like to wish all our staff, pupils and families an extremely successful year ahead.

Please stay safe.

Yours sincerely

David Dickson - Executive Headteacher

For all of our latest updates and guidance please regularly visit our website.