



12<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Returning to School

As you will have seen, the government has announced that it hopes to re-open primary schools, beginning with Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils after half term. It is the aspiration of the government that secondary pupils facing exams next year will get at least some time with their teachers before the summer holidays.

We are expecting to receive detailed guidance from the government as to their expectations over the coming days. Although we have already been planning carefully for the possibility of any reopening, we need to see this guidance before we can further develop our plans. I will write again as soon as we are in a position to do this. Until then, we will not be able to answer questions about our plans – thank you for your patience in the meantime.

I want to assure you that when pupils do return, they will come back to a school that is fully prepared and meets the hygiene and social distancing requirements that the government’s scientists will advise is necessary.

I would like to thank everyone – staff, parents and pupils – for the ways in which we have united across the school in responding to the situation so far and have ensured that our pupils have continued to learn from home. This has taken a great deal of time, effort, energy and patience on everyone’s part, but we should be proud of what is being achieved.

We will, of course, be continuing to operate our learning from home programme until pupils return to school. I know how hard you are working with your children to assist in their learning. It isn’t easy and, as a school, we will continue to do everything we can to make it as straightforward as possible for you.

For the time being, therefore, the school remains closed for all pupils other than those who are already aware that they are able to attend.

All of us look forward to welcoming pupils back to school as soon as is safely possible. In the meantime, please keep safe and well and encourage your children to continue to participate in their online learning.

Yours sincerely

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