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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

With reference to my last letter published on 30 June, the DfE has now published guidance for full opening of schools from September 2020. Whilst I am now working on the detailed planning to ensure that all recommendations are implemented, I am writing to you to confirm that school will re-open to all students in the following stages:

- Thursday 3 September – Years 7, 8 and 9 and the Sixth Form
- Friday 4 September – all students including Year 10 and Year 11

Wednesday 2 September is a staff training day. However, we will endeavour to see whether there can be an opportunity for new Year 7 students to visit us on that day should they feel that they need enhanced induction and perhaps a little more reassurance, given that our traditional induction days were run remotely this year. Miss Scattergood will be writing to Year 6 parents with details of this by the end of the week.

I shall write to you before the end of term with full details on the return to school but I wanted to give you as much notice as possible so that you can make your practical arrangements. Students will be expected to return to school in full school uniform and all of our usual practices, rules and regulations will be in operation.

Most of our students have been away from school for a long time and although they have continued with their learning remotely, I recognise that their experience is without precedent in recent times. Please rest assured that we will make sure that they are supported to adjust to the resumption of school and that their health, happiness and the achievement of their potential remains our priority.

My staff and I are looking forward to welcoming all students back to school again and although there will be some changes to the way we operate, we are committed to ensuring that a full and ambitious curriculum continues to be offered in a safe, calm, caring and purposeful environment.

I shall write to you at the beginning of next week with final details for our return in September.

Yours sincerely

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