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Dear Parent/Guardian

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I am writing to you regarding the beginning of term in September. The last few months have been challenging for all of us as we have adapted to continue working within the context of COVID-19. I am grateful for your support and the hard work of so many of the students.

It is our intention to open fully in September albeit within the government guidelines that were published on Thursday 2 July. This may involve some changes to breaktimes, room movement and toilet allocation along with some particular activities within lessons such as singing and contact sports that are currently not permitted. However, we are confident that we can make the school operate efficiently without significant changes to school life. I will write to you at the end of the school holidays with a more detailed breakdown of the logistics.

Within these regulations there are, however, some matters that are very clear – in particular, full uniform being back from September and behaviour and attendance expectations being high. I particularly raise the point about uniform as this had been queried with me by one parent earlier in the week.

Lastly, and importantly, one of the events that was missed in this half term was the Year 6 Transition day. This event is incredibly useful in ensuring that the new Year 7 students are able to start school with reduced anxiety, new friends and familiar faces amongst the teaching staff. Therefore, we have decided to use our statutory powers as an academy to call an extra INSET day on September 3 2020. This day will be for Year 7 students only and will act as their Transition Day. Term for Years 8 to 11 will begin on Friday 4 September. This will be a very vital day in terms of new routines and new beginnings and we are incredibly excited about what can be achieved next year so please make sure that this day is attended. This is not a decision I have taken lightly and I realise it is so important to get every student back into school as quickly as possible, however under the current guidelines, that are in place until the end of July, a routine Transition Day is impossible so we have had to fashion an alternative event to ensure that our new Year 7 students are ready for the next stage of their educational lives.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and understanding.

Yours faithfully

Andy Hartley
Headteacher