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Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure that especially since the release of the DfE guidance last week, you are keen to know and prepare for our plans to open in September.

As you can imagine the degree of planning required to operate for all students whilst maintaining public health requirements is a significant undertaking.

Essentially, we are being asked to minimise the number of contacts that a pupil has during the school day to reduce the risk of transmission. The aim is to have all pupils back at school in the autumn, however every school will also need to plan for the possibility of a local lockdown and how they will ensure continuity of education.

There is a clear commitment to maintaining a broad and balanced curriculum for every child, not – as some of the media were suggesting – a narrowed-down version. We have a number of controls we need to put in place in order to open. Some of these are things we must do and some are things we have a degree of flexibility to implement in a way that is workable in our context. In seeking to successfully plan for reopening we have considered a large number of issues and then systematically explored the options to inform our decision making. As with our plans to partially open in this half term we have been guided by our key principles below.

Our Key Principles

- What we do must be safe and minimise risks to students, staff, families and our local community.
- What we provide students in school must be educationally valuable and worthwhile.
- The systems and procedures we introduce must be as simple and straightforward as possible.

It is our intention to inform parents of the details of our plans early next week.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Foster
Headteacher