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Dear Parents/Carers

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming your children back into the Academy as I am sure you are looking forward to sending them back. Staff have been and will continue to be, very busy planning some great lessons and making sure the Academy is safe for everybody to return on Tuesday, September 8th. We understand there may be some anxiety from students and parents however please be rest assured we will help them reconnect with the Academy and our CARE values to make sure they get back on track with their learning and continue to become confident young people. I will be writing a brief new bulletin once a week to highlight some of the excellent work and good news stories I know will be happening over the next few weeks.

We will also update you on any changes to our practice based upon updated Government guidance. There has been a lot of talk about face coverings so I wanted to clarify our approach to this. Face coverings should be worn on public transport and then when entering the Academy the face coverings should put away in a plastic bag and then not used for the rest of the day until washed or disposed of at home. In the Academy, face coverings can be worn in corridors and social areas if students wish to - particularly if it is difficult for them to socially distance. As we are not mixing year groups it is not compulsory to wear one. It is not necessary for students to wear face coverings in class as the arrangement of desks will ensure students are facing the front. Face coverings should be plain, made of fabric and be placed in a zipped bag when not in use.

As the Government have made it very clear their expectation is that all students return to school this September, we will only provide remote learning if a student needs to shield for medical reasons advised and notified by a medical professional, or the school has had to ask a year group/class to isolate. As I have said, we have taken all precautions to ensure the school is safe and so once again, we are very much looking forward welcoming them with a smile next week. Hopefully we will get a smile back in return.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mark Little
Principal