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Dear parent or carer,

I hope my message finds you well.

I am writing to let you know that we are very excited to be welcoming all our pupils back to academy in the new term.

By being back amongst their teachers, we can continue to support our pupils' education and wellbeing, and help to support them in their recovery from any trauma, anxiety or loss they may have unfortunately experienced over the lockdown period.

However, we also understand that you may be concerned about the safety of your child as they prepare to return to a full academy. This may especially be the case for the parents of pupils who have been shielding or if you or someone in your household is concerned about their comparatively increased risk from COVID-19.

Whatever your concerns, please know that we will do everything we can to put the right support in place for you and your child.

Face coverings to be worn while moving around the academy

We want all our pupils and staff to feel completely safe when back in their academy, so whilst face coverings are at present only being recommended in secondary schools in areas where local restrictions are in place, we will require all our pupils and staff to wear their face covering when moving around the academy and in communal areas.

It will not usually be necessary to wear face coverings in the classroom, where protective measures already mean the risks are lower. However, our pupils and staff will be given the option to wear one when in class. In either case, we ask that students bring their own face covering in for use throughout the academy day.

Those who are exempt from wearing face coverings will of course not be required to wear one. Please note that proof of exemption (a medical note or equivalent) will be sought.

PE lessons

Please note that on days when your child has PE we will expect them to bring their PE kit as normal. One PE lesson per week will be theory and classroom based and the other will be outside. We therefore have capacity to allow spacing in the changing rooms as only one group will use the facility at any one time. A cleaning rota is in place.



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‘Welcoming all our pupils back to academy’ guide for parents and carers

We are closely following the government’s safety measures for schools and academies, and in many cases, we are going above and beyond their recommendations. As part of our planning for full return, we have also been busy developing a comprehensive risk assessment for our academy, which we will share with you via our website.

We have also produced and attached to this letter the ‘Welcoming all our pupils back to academy guide’ to outline the measures we are taking to ensure our pupils return to the safest possible academy environment in September. The guide also contains all the information you need on face coverings.

Please keep in touch

Please be assured that we will not take the safety of your child for granted, and that we are doing everything we can to make our academy as safe as possible for them.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with us in the usual way. In the meantime, I take this opportunity to thank you for everything you are doing to support us.

We look forward to seeing you and your child in September

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Jayne Bartlett
Headteacher

