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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we all prepare for the return of our children to Bridge School I hope that you have all managed to have a restful and enjoyable summer break with your families and children.

The staff at Bridge are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back and we have a number of new protocols in place to support the children and ensure that we remain 'COVID secure'. If you have not already done so, I would urge you to read the document under the **COVID-19: The New Normal** section of our school website. It contains a great deal of information that you would find useful.

As I mentioned previously, this is a working document and no doubt will be amended as time goes on whilst we refine our procedures. We always welcome feedback on these procedures but please do bear with us while we address any teething problems we may come across.

On Tuesday, we are having a staff training day where we will be finalising preparations whilst also undertaking statutory Safeguarding Update Training and the school will open for all pupils in Year 1 to 6 on Wednesday.

From Tuesday, the Year R team will be holding Parental Consultations and I hope that you already have your appointments booked for this. If you cannot remember your appointment slot, then please contact the helpful ladies in the school office.

When you attend the school on Wednesday, please take account of the one-way system running through the school as well as maintaining appropriate distances between each other.

I would also ask that parents contact the school office if they have travelled to a country that is not on the FCO's exemption list and therefore need to observe a 14-day quarantine.

When the children attend, they will no doubt notice the many changes that have taken place since they were last in school but I can reassure you that the one thing that has not changed is the ethos and nature of the school. None of us know what challenges the next few months will bring but I am assured by the strength of the relationships that exist between school and our families.

I will be writing a fuller newsletter next Friday but, in the meantime, I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Tibbles'.

James Tibbles

