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**Dear Parents** 

It is our intention to fully reopen in September 2020, as the government is currently directing, with all pupils back on site. We have 32 pupils currently on roll and we will be joined by 8 more pupils from September. We are planning on having two INSET days for staff – these will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The exact details on how all pupils will return are not yet finalised on purpose, as we expect Government rulings to continue to change over July and August as they have been since the start of this crisis.

We will be in touch late August with the final, exact plans for pupils returning from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. It is highly likely that our current pupils will return first and our new pupils will transition at their individual speed required from September. If you are happy for your child to return full time, we intend to be able to accommodate this. If you are concerned about your child returning, we will attempt to reassure you as much as we can and create a transition process that suits your individual needs. Current government ruling is that a return in September will be mandatory. Our current thinking is to continue with respectful social distancing within school, a consistent level of hygiene and hand washing, and classes to have restricted contact with each other and operate in smaller social bubbles once inside the school building. PPE equipment will be worn as required for the varying levels of risk assessment within the school. Our School days will return to Monday to Friday from 09:00 – 15:00. We will also have the kitchen up and running again, cooking school dinners.

If I can reassure you, we have been partially open since June 1<sup>st</sup> and all pupils and staff who have returned when they were able have been safe and happy about being back. We will continue to monitor and risk assess all individuals and everyone's safety will be our priority.

If you have any concerns, please email school as our phone lines are temperamental at the moment; however we plan that they will also be fully operational again in September.

Thank you for all your support this year and we look forward to working you all again next year.

Kindest Regards

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