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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the start of term I wanted to provide you with an update on our first few days back in school. We have completed all of our on-site lateral flow tests with only one positive case identified. We would encourage all students to continue to complete regular LFTs at home to reduce infections in our school and local community, home testing kits have already been distributed.

Year groups have settled well and it is a welcome sight seeing students being taught in specialist areas and moving around school in such a calm and mature manner. Over the summer we purchased picnic benching to seat up to 400 children and the nice weather has allowed students to use them already.

As we return to what we hope will be long-term normality, we have identified a number of priorities to ensure we make up for what we have lost as a result of the pandemic. These include: **embedding** all of the new systems we have implemented over the last few months (such as Classcharts and ready to learn); a programme to maximise **engagement** with our stakeholders (this includes our aspiration to offer a full programme of extra-curricular enrichment and catch-up/ intervention for those in greatest need) and provide a **rigorous curriculum recovery** plan across all year groups. We will therefore be sharing with you, over the next few weeks, how we will be addressing each of these areas.

In addition to this, from Monday 13th September free breakfast will be available in the small diner every morning from 8am until school starts. Our library (the LRC) will be open for students each day from 8am- 8.25, at break, lunchtime and after school until 3.30pm and our fortnightly Knowledge Organiser homework quizzes for all of Year 7,8 and 9 will begin shortly via Classcharts.

Finally, we have been looking at how we can regularly gather your views to help us improve and will shortly be launching our fortnightly 'Friday Feedback Five' via Sims Intouch and further details on this will follow soon.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Shannon
Headteacher

