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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are moving rapidly towards the end of a school year which none of us could have envisaged a year ago; it has been a very difficult time for many of us, with lots of challenges to overcome as individuals, families and a school community. It has also brought many positive experiences; the incredible support and partnership shown by all members of our school community has undoubtedly been something we can be all incredibly grateful for. We thank families for the huge role they have played in enabling their daughters to carry on learning during this unprecedented time.

In recent weeks, our attention has been able to turn to re-opening the school to all pupils in September, not forgetting that the school has remained open throughout this entire period to identified groups of pupils and, more recently, to our Year 10. We are very much looking forward to September and all pupils returning to full-time education in line with government expectations.

As you may be aware from discussions in the media, a number of changes will have to be made to education provision and we have responded quickly to the guidance received from the government to ensure that our school will be safe and able to educate all pupils from the start of term in September. We will be providing a 'Parent and Pupil Handbook' for you which will answer many questions that you may have about what school will be like in September; this will be sent to you via School Gateway towards the end of August by which point in time we expect to have received further guidance from the government. We know you will support us in understanding that things will not be 'normal' when we return and that there will be many changes made to how the school will operate in comparison to previously; these changes reflect the information provided by the government. We will also send a 'return to school parental survey' for you to complete which will help us to plan for your daughter in the most effective way.

A key headline for the new school year is the importance of staggered start times, breaktimes, lunchtimes and finish times; you will be aware that the nature of our school site means we only have one entrance point from Bromford Road. Staggered starts, breaks, lunches and finishes will enable us to keep pupils in each year group in one 'bubble' and to avoid the mixing of pupils - thus helping us to keep contact with others to a minimum – and to maximise learning time. We have provided a key overview of these timings below, with further details, particularly with regards to rooms to show how bubbles are kept separate, to be subsequently provided in the handbook:

Year group	Start Day	Arrival (start) time at school	Breaktime	Lunchtime	Finish (leaving) time at school
7	Thursday 3 rd September – Induction Day	8am	10.20-10.35am	12.40-1.10pm	2.35pm

8	Friday 4 th September – Pastoral Day	8.10am	10.05-10.20am	12.05-12.35pm	2.45pm
9	Friday 4 th September – Pastoral Day	8.40am	10.35-10.50am	1.15-1.45pm	2.55pm
10	Friday 4 th September – Pastoral Day	8.30am	10.50-11.05am	1.15-1.45pm	3.30pm
11	Friday 4 th September – Pastoral Day	8.20am	9.50-10.05am	12.05-12.35pm	3.45pm

Our proposed start of term will enable us to familiarize pupils with the new approaches with our 'Pastoral Day'; new Year 7 pupils will also have a 'Pastoral Day' on Friday 4th September following their Induction Day.

When you receive the handbook later in the summer, please read it carefully with your daughter; if you have any questions, please do contact us – our email address is enquiry@hodgehgs.bham.sch.uk - and we will get back to you at the start of the Autumn Term. You will understand that we will not be able to get back to you over the summer holiday period.

You should note that all pupils in current school Years 7-10 will receive a 'learning pack' through the post which includes a number of tasks that pupils are expected to complete and bring back to school on their return in September. Parents of new Year 7 pupils in September will receive separate information about the start of the academic year.

Once again, a huge thank you for all of your support at this time. We wish you a safe and restful period and look forward to welcoming your daughter back into school in September.
Yours sincerely,

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