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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have received the government guidance on reopening schools in September. It is a large document with many different interpretations. The one key message that is coming through is that schools should do what they can to maintain hygiene, try and keep year groups apart and expect brilliant behaviour and attitude from all students. There are some loose ideas around the direction of desks and one-way systems in corridors, but the reality is:

- School will be open to all students in September
- Classrooms will have up to 30 students and 1-2 members of staff
- Everyone must commit to sharing information about illness/COVID19 symptoms
- Need to reduce contact points in school (break/lunch)
- The bubble in a secondary school will range from 80 (Years 7-9) to 325 (Years 10/11)

There is an emphasis on schools to create flexible solutions to the issues, whilst constantly restating that we cannot be risk free. I hope that the way we have worked during the pandemic can assure you that we take the health, safety and education of our children seriously and always will do. In order to gather some information about how best to use flexibility to create the safest possible environment during the Autumn term, please can you take 5 minutes to complete this survey: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hmpYW-bEmU2DF5CfHJ74qo_TmijnlK5IjQ5kAPxZDCtUM0JRMkNFTkNGUFNDVzU3U0tBWks1M0VLTC4u

My feeling is that as I read it today, this is a long way from where we are now. However, as the summer moves on then we may all feel far more comfortable about the situation. Clearly, time is against us all with online lessons concluding on Friday July 17th and the site closing to students on Tuesday 21st July. Therefore, we will take some time over the next few days to look at how we might create a school that keeps staff and students safe and delivers the best possible education for all our students. I would expect to be able to explain more by the end of next week.

Should you wish to read the full guidance, it can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Thank you again for your support. The idea of school reopening as normal and seeing the students again is so exciting, but we are desperate to do it safely and sensibly.



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