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Dear Families,

COVID19 End of Year Update

Thank you

We have reached the end of an academic year unlike any other. Whilst we all undoubtedly crave a return to how our lives were previously, further challenges lie ahead. We are wholly committed to minimising the disruption to your child's education. Thank you for all you have done over the last few months – it has been quite remarkable – we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Re-opening

In line with guidance from UK Government, we have published our plans to safely re-open our schools to all young people in the autumn term. Our 'Academy Action Plan' and risk assessment are available on our websites. Some arrangements will be different to ensure everyone's safe return. We encourage all families to familiarise themselves with our planning over the summer holiday.

Attendance

School attendance will once again be mandatory from the start of the autumn term. UK Government has asked schools to rigorously follow-up all absences. 'Young Minds', a mental health charity, has produced a range of materials to support families when preparing their child for return to school. www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic

Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) Families

Evidence from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) shows COVID19 is having a disproportionate impact on Black, Asian and minority ethnic people. We are especially sensitive to the concerns of our BAME families and colleagues when undertaking our action planning. If you feel your family is affected by these issues and would like to discuss your concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Cashless School Meals

We are now cashless. School meals should be paid for in advance and ordered by all young people during morning registration. As part of the 'Summer Food Fund', we have issued supermarket vouchers to support families with children eligible for free school meals over the summer holiday.

Parent Satisfaction Survey

Nearly 200 families responded to our satisfaction survey. Thank you to everyone who constructively shared your experience. Such feedback is really useful to us as we make plans for the future. The results of the satisfaction survey are detailed in our 'Academy Action Plan' on our websites.

This is our last dedicated 'coronavirus communication' from all three of us.
Thank you for all your support and kind words.

We remain in your service.

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