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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for your continued support in getting all pupils back into school safely over the past couple of weeks. All of us are committed to providing the best education possible for students, while securing the health and safety of our whole school community. Thank you for continuing to follow public health guidelines and encouraging your child to do the same.

You are already aware of the steps we have put in place to ensure the safe return of all students to school. We know that you will be keen to understand the impact that we have had in our first weeks of the term; what our plans are to ensure all pupils catch up with any missed learning; and what will happen if a pupil or year group is asked to stay at home over the coming weeks or months. I am writing to you today in order to keep you fully informed. This letter will also be published openly on our website and is being sent to our governors. If you have any further questions or would like any clarification, please contact us.

School re-opening

School is now fully open to all year groups. Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 “bubbles” are kept apart except for some transient passing in corridors, although this is limited by a new one-way system in parts of the school. We have an enhanced cleaning regime and other measures in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Attendance

Attendance during the first two days of term was 97%, but since then has dropped to around 92.8%, which unfortunately reflects the number of children being expected to self-isolate under the DfE and PHE guidelines. We are issuing regular guidance and updates on our Facebook page to help parents make the right decisions about sending their children to school.

Coverage of the curriculum

We are teaching a full curriculum to all students. Teachers are assessing in various ways to identify gaps in students’ learning and to make sure these are filled. Parents and carers will receive the first set of Review Grades in October.

Remote learning in the future

If school is forced to close to some or all year groups, teachers will set work for students to undertake remotely in order to minimise the disruption to their learning. All





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work will be set on Show My Homework, for which students and parents have all received log-ins. Students will receive work equivalent to that which they would have covered in school. It will be set daily, and will follow the students' in-school timetable. Engagement will be monitored, and parents will be informed if their child is not completing work. Work will be assessed and students will receive feedback as usual. If children are required to self-isolate, teachers will provide work within two working days of it being requested.

Mental health and wellbeing

The pandemic has been challenging for many children so we will be undertaking work in our tutor program to support their well-being. Please contact your child's tutor if you have any concerns or if you feel your child needs more support.

Thank you for your support in these challenging times. Please remember to follow both the school's and public health guidance to keep everyone learning safely.

With very best wishes,

Linda McQuone

Acting Headteacher

