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Dear Parent/Carer

September 2020

You may be aware of Education Secretary Gavin Williamson's statement this morning during which he outlined plans for schools to reopen fully in September 2020.

This is being widely reported in the media. The BBC has published a summary on its website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-53253722>

This is great news! We are very much looking forward to our pupils returning to school next term and to meeting our new Year 7 pupils who will be joining us for the first time.

As expected, however, it will not be 'business as usual' when schools reopen. The Government released today a 35 page guidance document for schools which includes protective and other measures which should be in place, including consideration of organising 'year group bubbles'.

The logistics which underpin this range of revised requirements are complex and the school will be working through these over the next two weeks of term in consultation with staff, governors and trustees. We will update you with information regarding the start of next term as soon as possible before 22 July; we would ask for your patience in the meantime as schools will not be able to publish their plans immediately.

The Government has also published updated guidance for parents/carers today:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

In the meantime, current arrangements for remote working, the 'Year 10 pods' and on-site provision for the children of keyworkers and vulnerable children with social worker support will continue.

Yours sincerely



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