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Information updated by the Government for School Opening September 2020-21

Dear Families,

This morning the Government have released information on the September opening of all schools. It is a lengthy document that is being debated in Parliament today. However, it sets out some of the guidance that we will need to follow in September.

I wanted to write to you to reiterate how important it is to follow the guidance but equally important that we listen to each families viewpoints on returning. It worries me that there is a lot of press coverage about families being fined large sums of money should their child not return in September. I want you to know that as a school we will continue to listen to families opinions about the return to school as we have over the last few months. I feel this is the most supportive way we can safely return both in our physical health and mental health. We will be increasing our hand washing stations over the Summer holidays to ensure each class has access to a sink and hand sanitizer on entry to the classrooms. Likewise we will be rethinking some of the typical routines such as dinnertime, break times and sessions such as swimming and specialist subjects.

During the next 2 weeks a member of your class team will visit you to discuss any immediate thoughts and concerns and you will also be given opportunity to respond to a questionnaire sent out via text. If you have any immediate thoughts please do give staff a call at school or email.

I know that some of you will feel hopeful for September and be looking forward to returning to 'normality' and that some of you will feel differently and fear the start of September for your child. Everyone has a right to their own feelings and opinions as we have all been on very different journeys through the last few months. It still remains hugely important that you are given opportunity to talk to us so that we can support you and your child returning to school. Together we will continue to move through this period of time by listening, being kind to each other and working through any issues that arise. Can I use this opportunity to thank you all for your incredible support and positive outlook that has been at the core of our school community.

Please continue to take care during this time.

Mrs L Windle

Executive Headteacher

