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Dear Family,

I hope that you are well and have enjoyed your summer break. We are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school and with this in mind we would like to share a few important points about the start of the new academic year.

COVID restrictions lifted

Thankfully, following the latest change in government guidelines in July, we can now return to normal in all our schools.

This means:

- **Your child must attend school as normal** unless they are self-isolating or is displaying symptoms of COVID-19.
- Pupils no longer need to remain in year group or classroom bubbles.
- Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or communal areas.

However, some things will need to remain the same to avoid further spread of the virus:

- **Your child should not come into school if they are showing symptoms of COVID-19 or have tested positive.**
- Practice good hygiene through frequent and thorough hand cleaning and the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- We will continue to follow thorough cleaning regimes in our schools.
- Rooms will be kept well-ventilated.

What to do if your child has symptoms of COVID-19

1. Self-isolate immediately.
2. Book a PCR test for your child - <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119.
3. Follow Government guidance and instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
4. Contact your child's school as normal to inform them of the absence.
5. Remote learning will be provided by your school.

We thank you for your support in helping us to get back to normal in the safest way possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sir Mark Grundy,
CEO