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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you are all managing to stay safe and well. It has been fantastic to welcome our Year 6 pupils back to school in addition to the children of key workers.

We also appreciate how challenging home schooling has been, and continues to be for many of you. There is no substitute for face to face learning and very much hope that this can resume in the near future. In the meantime, please remember that our teaching staff are only an email or phone call away if you need any support with your child's learning.

Currently in the academy, we have our Year 6 pupils being taught in five, 'socially distanced' classrooms in addition to the children of key workers who are being taught in two, 'socially distanced' classrooms. Therefore, frustratingly, we are unable to facilitate the return of any additional pupils from Years 3-5 due to limitations in classroom space. We are very hopeful that there will soon be changes in legislation that means that we can welcome more pupils back to the academy. We will immediately communicate any updates on this front.

We are also continuing to follow Public Health England's advice by asking all pupils and staff who are classed as having a medical condition, or live with someone who has a medical condition, which is on the NHS 'clinically extremely vulnerable' or 'clinically vulnerable' list to continue to shield until further notice. If this advice were to change, we would contact all pupils and staff concerned and offer a return to the academy.

We will still be arranging an end of term Parents' Meeting. However, as strict social distancing regulations are still in place, we will be arranging telephone appointments with staff rather than face to face meetings. Information regarding how to book appointments will be sent in a separate letter in the near future. As the vast majority of pupils have not attended school since March, their written spring term reports provide the most up-to-date record of the pupils' academic achievements and teacher comments on academic progress. As a result, we will not be providing a summer term report. Please be assured that your child's class teacher will be available throughout the term, and for the Parents' Meeting, to discuss your child's progress if you so wish.

Thank you all for your continued support in these difficult times. We look forward to welcoming you all back to the academy in the near future.

Kind regards,

Mr A. Hollyhead
Principal



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