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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we are sure you are all aware, the government have announced that all schools will reopen from September 2020 to all students. Progress Schools have remained open throughout however, we are looking forward to welcoming back every single student next academic year.

We are aware that some students may feel anxious about returning to school, but we want to reassure you that, in line with government and public health guidance, we have implemented a number of safeguards to keep all of our students and staff safe. If your child has not returned to us this term, they will be given a full induction upon their return where all safeguards will be explained. If you wish to find out more before your child returns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The government have stated that attendance at school will be mandatory from September so it is important that your child attends. If they do not, the usual rules on school attendance will apply, including:

- parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age;
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

Where a student is unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical and/or public health advice, we will continue to provide remote education so your child can continue to learn. If your child is not able to return due to following clinical and/or public health guidance, we would ask that you send us written proof of this as provided by your GP or public health. If this is received, your child's absence will not be penalised.

These are difficult times for us all and we appreciate you may have many questions so please feel free to contact anyone at the school who will be happy to help.

We look forward to seeing your child in September.

Yours sincerely,

S. Williams

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Operational Executive

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