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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Arrangements for returning to school

I hope this finds you well.

We are looking forward to welcoming our students as they return for the new academic year. The autumn term will be an exciting and challenging period, and I thank you as parents and carers for your ongoing support. As we prepare for coming term, we are continuing with several measures around COVID-19 to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

We will be testing all students on their first day in school and any student with a positive test result will be asked to stay at home and take a PCR. The result of the PCR will override the lateral flow test result and students will immediately be allowed back into school in the result is negative.

We will be continuing to keep the school well ventilated and windows will be open to allow the flow of fresh air. Hand sanitiser and wipes will be available in all rooms within the academy and students will be allowed to wear face masks if they wish. However the students will no longer be taught in zones and will now move from class to class for their lessons. On days when the students have PE they will continue to wear the PE kit all day to avoid congestion in the changing rooms.

The staggered start to the year is as follows:

**Monday 6th September** -Staff INSET Day.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September** -Year 7 and Year 11 only in school (Year 10 testing after school).

**Wednesday 8th September**-All Year groups in school with testing for Year 8 and Year 9.

We welcome your support with this process and we will continue to engage with the NHS test and trace to ensure the safety of everyone in our community. We will continue to mitigate against the infection with our updated risk assessment and minimise risks in line with government measures.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Helen Keough'.

Helen Keough  
Headteacher

