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Dear Parent / Carer,

You may have seen the announcement from the Government last week about the full opening of schools in September. Clearly, we are considering the full impact of this announcement on the academy and the organisation that lies behind it. We are currently working on a draft plan for full reopening and will provide this information before the end of this term, please be aware that this may be subject to change if Government guidance changes before September.

On Friday 17th July, the school will close for all students. This includes the vulnerable children and keyworker provision that will not run during the summer break. The school will have a deep clean at the start of the holiday and there may be some restricted summer school activities for some students dependent on staff availability, the plan for this will be released shortly.

Currently we expect to reopen to Year 7 students on Wednesday 2nd September, 2020 and for all other years on Thursday 3rd September, 2020. There will be measures in place to minimise the impact of further outbreak and to support students returning to education after such a long absence. This will include advice about travelling to and from the academy.

Year 11 and Year 13 will receive their examination results in August and we will send out further details of the organisation for that once confirmed. With social distancing still in place we will have an appointment service to reduce any Covid-19 risk to a minimum but still wish to give advice and guidance to students and families where possible once we have support on results day.

Please be aware that the government scheme for vouchers provided by EdenRed for students in receipt of free school meals ends on 31st August, 2020.

We would like to thank you again for your ongoing support in the current climate. This continues to be a challenging time for everyone and we hope to support your child back into full time education as smoothly as possible. We wish you a safe and restful summer and hope that there are no further issues that may interfere with a return to school in September for your child.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D. Smith
Interim Head of School