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Dear Parents / Carers,

The government has just issued the long awaited guidance to schools about re-opening in September. We will be working on our exact plans in the coming weeks, and will communicate these closer to September, however, I wanted to outline some key points today:

- **All students** are to return to school in September, unless they have tested positive for Covid-19 or have been instructed to self-isolate by the track and trace scheme.
- The Government are recommending that students remain in 'year group bubbles' for most of the time, where this is practicably possible. We will be looking at plans around this over the days and weeks to come. We are fortunate in that we have a big school site and so we believe that this will be straightforward for us to implement.
- As we have done with the face to face time, we will be drawing up detailed risk assessments and plans to ensure that strict hygiene measures are in place.
- Return to school will be compulsory for all students and the government will be asking all schools to return to issuing fines for unauthorised absences.
- Parents will not be allowed on site without a pre-arranged appointment.
- Students **must not** travel by public transport unless it is absolutely essential.

I will be communicating the specific details around the return to school closer to September. Please continue to check our website, twitter and your email account to check for communications.

Please note that some of our key dates around induction or first days back may well change in light of the guidance, but I will also issue information about this closer to the time.

With my very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Pye'.

Mrs M Pye
Headteacher