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Dear Parents or Carers

Mr Chris Huscroft
Chief Executive Officer

With only two weeks until the end of term and given the latest announcement from the Government around what will happen in September, we felt it prudent to share with you, an 'update' as to what we know at this moment in time!

Yesterday's guidance was published and explained that all children will and **are expected** to return to school in September. We are delighted to hear of this news and are so very much looking forward to seeing them all back in school again. Things will, however, be a little different for a period time. Routines and systems will be put in place to ensure that as far as is possible the risk is minimised for all. The school day may well start and finish at different times to allow us to get everyone on and off site safely and we will have to minimise the contact between children across the school.

Exact details of how each school will enact the guidance shall be communicated to you, as it always has been, through the channels of communication established at your child's school; before the end of term. It is important that we let you know that the guidance may change and therefore so will our arrangements, please bear with us if this does happen.

I want to provide reassurance that the guidance gives us with a helpful '**System of controls**' which we will, as a minimum, ensure happens in all schools. These are:

Prevention

1. minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school;
2. clean hands thoroughly more often than usual;
3. ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach;
4. introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach.

It is vital that as families in your school community, you pay particular note to point 1, above.

We ask for your help to ensure that this enforced. **PLEASE** don't put your child's head teacher in the awkward position of having to ask you to take your child home if they have been or have potentially been exposed to the virus.

We know how tough it is on family life to have to self-isolate but it is important we all continue to play our part, for the time-being.

We also understand that some families may still feel anxious about the return to school. The Government are clear that it is expected your child will attend. However, if for any reason you feel this should not be the case for your child, please do contact your child's head teacher who will be only too happy to discuss the matter, without prejudice and in confidence.

I do hope this information has been helpful for you to understand a little more about the future. I will write to you again before the end of term as I am sure that there will be some further details that I can provide you with. In the meantime, please stay safe.

Thank you for your continuing support, now and in the future.

Yours sincerely
Chris Huscroft
CEO

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Chris Huscroft". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.