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Dear Parent/ Carer

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

All staff are working hard to do what they can to support the return of the children back to school and to protect their health, the health of all the staff in our schools and the wider community.

The plans that schools have put in place will help support children back into school gradually with the right steps to reduce the risks of COVID-19 as far as possible. This includes practical steps such as hand washing and making sure that any children who are ill do not come into school. Where appropriate, staff and pupils are wearing face coverings in the school premises and on school transport.

Testing is playing a large part in a safe return. Secondary school pupils have been getting tested on site and are now moving towards testing at home. Government guidance recommends that all families or households of children of school age get tested and we would urge you to do so. How to do so can be found [here](#).

There are also other simpler measures that will play a vital role in controlling the virus and this is where we are asking for your help. It is around the simple 'Hands, face, space' measures that are still so key in preventing transmission.

If you collect your child from school, please do not congregate with other parents around the school exit. It is best if you arrive no sooner than you have to and leave immediately once your child is with you.

Please wear a face covering if you are able and stay at least two metres apart from anyone outside your household. It is always good practice to wash your hands before leaving the house and after returning.

We are extremely grateful for all that you have done to keep children at home while schools have been closed to many children. Now, we are asking that you continue the effort in line with the guidance described above.

Thank you once again for all your efforts. We hope that your child, or children, is/are enjoying being back at school as much as the school is enjoying having them and we thank you in advance for your co-operation in helping to keep the school environment as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely

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