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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for your patience while we have waited for further guidance on the full school opening to all year groups from September 2020.

Government guidance has now been published and I would like to explain what this will mean for Dunswell Academy. There is also a further letter which is attached alongside this with more detail for parents. It is imperative that all information is read to ensure that you are well informed for September.

Our priority is the safety and wellbeing of both the adults and children in school. We will be adhering to detailed risk assessments written specifically for Dunswell and taking into account the guidance which we have been provided with. These include requirements and expectations to reduce the risk in school.

It is essential that we all take the following safety measures:

- All people who are ill must stay at home and get tested where appropriate
- We must follow robust hand and respiratory hygiene – we will be continuing the Catch it, Bin it, Kill it approach and ask that this is reiterated at home
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements
- Active engagement with the NHS Test and Trace
- Reducing contact and maximising distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential contamination where practical

September will have lots of new routines in place and we are all working hard to ensure that our school day will run smoothly. As we are all aware, guidance changes regularly and we all need to be flexible as practice and procedures could change regularly. We may also need to change procedures which might not work. Please, bear with us at all times and be prepared to be flexible too! It is important that the process of returning to a new normal will take time and things will still look very different to the school we left in March.

I am aware that this has been an exceptionally challenging time for everyone including our families. I would like to thank you all once again for your patience, co-operation, and continued support.

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and we will do our very best to answer them clearly. Should there be any changes, I will ensure that they are conveyed to you before the return to school.

Take care and stay safe whilst enjoying the Summer.

Kindest regards

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CEO

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Head of School