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Dear Parent\Carer,

Further information for Year Six parents/carers and pupils,

On Wednesday 3rd June we will be welcoming your children back into school. This will be done in a very careful staggered approach with pupils being in classes of no more than eight. They will work at their own table with all of their resources such as pencil, pens etc. on their table. They will remain two metres apart from the staff and their peers at all times to maintain the social distancing guidance.

We have worked hard to put a number of approaches in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your children. The school has had a deep clean throughout and a high level of cleaning will be maintained throughout the day. We have had a number of sanitiser dispensers installed in all classes and around school. A full Risk Assessment will be carried out following Public Health England guidelines and this will be maintained at all times and available for access at any time.

Both playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered and we would ask that pupils bring their own packed lunch with them to school. For those in receipt of free school meals vouchers will continue to be provided until further notice.

We would ask that the children arrive at 9.00 am on the Wednesday to Friday and for those days finish at 2.00 pm and we will look to extend this to 3.00 pm the following week. We would ask that to maintain social distance that parents/carers do not come through the gates with pupils and that they make their own way across the yard into school. At the end of the day pupils who go home by themselves will go first then those being collected will be taken out maintaining social distancing at all times and we would ask that parents adhere to this using both gates onto the yard if you have to come onto the yard. We would also ask that once in school please avoid needing to collect your children at different times during the day as we are working to avoid high numbers of adults in school.

If you have any questions or wish to speak to me please give me an email or you can ring the school during the half term as I will aim to be available as much as possible. Please note that we will continue to review the situation and follow Government guidance.

Please continue to take care and stay safe.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L Hall", written in a cursive style.

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are well and keeping safe during these challenging times. We would like to keep you as informed as possible in response to the opening of our school to more pupils.

Since the Government made their announcement for the need to get more children back to school we have been working towards this and taking all appropriate advice. As a city, the general feeling across many schools is to widen the access to our older children first. As a school, we feel this would be the safest approach as our older children are much more able to maintain the social distancing guidance. It is felt younger children would find this much more challenging. Therefore, on Wednesday 3rd June we will be bringing our Year Six pupils back to school and we will send a separate letter to the parents/carer outlining this approach. Any return to school will need to be phased and gradual, to allow us to ensure the safety and care of all pupils, staff and the wider community. We want you to have full confidence in the arrangements for the return of your children to school.

We will also continue to provide care for those pupils whose parents are critical workers and a small number of our vulnerable pupils. For those in receipt of free school meals vouchers will continue to be provided until further notice.

Once our Year Six pupils are settled and careful routines have been established we will look to stagger more pupils back into school, still focusing on the older children.

Like you we are eager to get back to the normality of friends, lessons and school life. However, our first priority is the safety and wellbeing of children, their families and staff. We will therefore, continue to follow the guidance from the Local Authority, including working with Public Health. Risk Assessments will be carried out over the half term week and these will be available for parents/carers to access.

For those pupils not returning to school in the first few weeks of June we will continue to provide learning packs and to contact you by telephone on a regular basis. We will also keep our website updated with any changes. Please note that we will continue to review the situation and follow Government guidance. Any parent/carer wishing for further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please continue to take care and stay safe and a happy Eid to all those celebrating next week.

Kind regards,

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