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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

The end of the school year is fast approaching and what a strange year it has been. Schools have been eerily quiet and lacking the vibrancy that children bring to the environments. I wanted to express my sincere thanks to everyone for your tireless support to the schools during this difficult and challenging period. The flexibility you have shown with home learning which I appreciate has been challenging for those parents who have also been juggling home working is commendable. I have really enjoyed seeing the photographs and films of pupils work and adventures that have been posted on school websites and Twitter pages.

You will be aware from media reports that schools will be reopening to all pupils from September, I can hear a collective sigh of relief but also many of you will be anxious too. I can assure you that schools are busy digesting the guidance, updating their risk assessments and ensuring all safety measures are in place so that pupils and staff can return safely. Inevitably schools will be operating differently to what you may have been previously use to with staggered starts to the day to avoid congestion and maintaining social distancing where it is possible to do so. Schools are also putting together plans for home learning provision in the event of any future localised lockdowns. Although we are all hoping that if everyone in the community adheres to the government guidance on reducing transmission this will not be needed.

Your child's school will provide you with detailed plans on how their school will be operating from September and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's school.

If you are travelling overseas or having a staycation for your well-deserved summer holiday (don't forget your face coverings) stay safe and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school in September.

Yours sincerely

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