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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are having an enjoyable summer break and that all is well with you.

We are in the process of preparing for the start of the autumn term on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. The latest government guidance on the opening of schools for next academic year was issued on 7<sup>th</sup> August. As there have not been any other updates since then we are using this information to plan.

When we return, it is our intention to open for the whole day with staggered start and finish times. The children will be in for the whole day and normal lunch arrangements will resume. However, the children will be in class pods during lesson time and then year group pods for break times and lunchtime.

One of the strategies that the government is employing to reduce the spread of the virus is limiting the number of interactions that children are having with others. For this reason, if the YMCA were to offer breakfast and after school clubs, they would have to limit the offer to only one-year group per hall. They will be surveying you soon to ascertain whether or not there is a demand for their provision.

In order to reopen, the school has to carry out a full risk assessment and share it with the local authority, relevant unions and the governing body for ratification. Once it has been agreed it will be available on the school website.

I shall be in touch with you again at the end of next week.

Yours faithfully,

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