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Dear Parent / Guardian

I would like to thank parents for their support over the last four months. This has been a very different way of working throughout this period but together we have maintained the education and welfare of our community.

School leaders have been asked to make informed judgments about how to balance delivering a broad and balanced curriculum, with the measures needed to manage risk.

The guidance states that “The risk to children themselves of becoming severely ill from coronavirus (COVID-19) is very low and there are negative health impacts of being out of school.” Given the low risk to children, we are looking forward to seeing all of our students in the Autumn.

Westfield Academy will be opening each day to all students and offering a full curriculum, whilst prioritising safety. We have developed systems that will also reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19 to our local community and minimise the risk to health and life and disruption that this could cause. The changes to the way the school works are significant and inevitably school will feel different to students, therefore they will need to be prepared for that.

I have prepared a [presentation](#) that can provide enough information to enable you to plan for September and prepare students for the changes they will encounter. We have planned in extensive detail, I will not however include all of this information at this time, as the guidance may change over the summer period and require alterations to these arrangements.

The presentation includes essentials such as timings and uniform, we have tried to minimise the impact on parents and students. We know you will have queries and that we are about to break up for the summer holiday. We have created two new email addresses (linked in the presentation), to enable you to ask questions during this period. We will also create a FAQ page.

I would ask that you read the presentation in detail and also the FAQ, before asking a question. Guidance changes frequently and so detailed answers may not be feasible until late August. Please be aware that we have reduced capacity in the summer period and there may therefore be a delay in responding to queries.

Yours faithfully

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