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Dear parents/carers

I am writing to you as I always do at the end of the summer term but this has been a summer term like no other. First of all I want to thank you for what you have done over the lockdown period in supporting your child's education. I also want to thank our staff who, I believe, have done their very best to provide excellent support and pastoral care to all of our young people over the past few months. I'm proud of how our students have responded to the challenges they have faced.

This has been a difficult and challenging period for everyone. I know some families have been especially hard hit and have suffered bereavements and periods when family members have been very ill and hospitalised. Clearly the pandemic is not over despite the easing of lockdown but it is very important that we try to get back to some degree of normality and schools have a huge part to play in that process.

I have produced this week a draft risk assessment for the full reopening of the school in September. We have learnt a lot from the process of partial reopening and approximately 90 percent of students in Yr 10 and Yr 12 have been regularly attending lessons over the last month. The students have really appreciated and benefited from this. This draft risk assessment has been discussed with our governors, our staff and our school trade union representatives. It has now been sent to the borough's Health and Safety Team who will provide feedback to us by the end of July which we shall take account of. The risk assessment will then be reviewed again in the week beginning 24th August. I shall then email the final version of the risk assessment to all parents/carers at the end of August so that you can see the measures we will be taking.

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Some key issues:

- Social distancing is no longer required for students - this is because the risk of infection for young people is low and the risk that if infected they suffer badly is extremely low.
- Students will be in year group 'bubbles' and we will be keeping these 'bubbles' separate, one from the other, as far as is practical and possible.
- One way systems will remain in place
- Every classroom will have a small pedal bin with a lid for tissues etc and students will be reminded of the importance of 'catch it, kill, it bin it'
- Additional cleaners will be deployed during the day on both sites so that door handles and other high contact surfaces can be frequently cleaned
- Hand sanitiser will be used frequently
- Students will receive clear instruction about how things must operate when they return
- We will continue to focus on staff and student well-being and resilience
- If there is a confirmed case in school then I have to contact Public Health England and the London CoronaVirus Response Centre (LCRC) and take their advice and instructions about our response
- Our behaviour policy has been updated to reflect our new context
- Transport - will be a big issue in September. We are encouraging as many staff and students as possible to walk or cycle. There will not be

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any access for safety reasons for parents to drive into the school car park to drop students off - it is simply too dangerous.

- Students will report to different areas of the school on their arrival so that segregation is maintained
- There will be enhanced supervision rotas to ensure segregation of year groups is maintained
- The lunch period will be staggered so that only one year group at a time is using the canteen and all tables and surfaces will be cleaned between year group sittings
- The guidance states that applying the measures covered in our risk assessment will substantially reduce the risks of infection. The expectation is that the school applies these measures as far as is reasonably practical and where possible. This means that we cannot apply all elements of the risk assessment one hundred per cent of the time, but in managing to apply these measures to mitigate risk most of the time we will reduce the risk of transmission.

Unfortunately, we have to understand and accept that COVID19 has changed our world, hopefully not forever, but certainly for the short term. We are doing what we can to mitigate risk, but we cannot eliminate the risks of COVID19 from our lives any more than we can eliminate the awful possibilities that we will be seriously injured in a car crash on the way to work or that we will be diagnosed with cancer or some other life threatening illness, or that we some other catastrophic event may happen to you or your loved ones.

There comes a point where we have to balance risk and accept that there is no such thing as zero risk in any aspect of our lives. The sad reality of the NHS's effective response to COVID is that patients with other potentially life threatening conditions have not been able to be treated as speedily or as effectively as they

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should have been. It is estimated that there will be 50000 excess deaths from cancer because diagnosis and/or treatment was delayed. I fully understand that some groups are at greater risk than others including those with underlying health conditions and people from BAME backgrounds and we will continue to be mindful of that. The school has carried out individual risk assessments for all staff who may be at increased risk in order to make any necessary adaptations and to reassure colleagues that they will be as safe as possible in school.

Attendance and uniform

Attendance becomes compulsory again from September for all students. We expect students to be back in full uniform from September. On days when a student has PE they are to attend school in their PE kit as we are not able to use our changing room facilities. If any parent has financial difficulty in purchasing uniform at this time please email me directly, in confidence, (a.stone@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk) and we shall do what we can to help.

Hair styles and jewellery

One thing that is still the same as it always is in my summer letter:

Please ensure any ear piercings are done at the start of the holiday so that they are healed by the time we come back and likewise that hairstyles fit in with the school guidelines for the start of the autumn term.

Exam results

Mrs Klitou and Mr Delf have written to all Yr 11 and Yr 12 and 13 students to explain how exam results will be provided to students on results days. Please ensure your son/daughter follows the instructions given. These details are also available on our website: www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk/home/about/data-dashboard/

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First week back schedule for students

Date	Year groups in school
Thursday 3rd Sept	Induction Day Walthamstow site: Yr 7 and Yr 12 only 9am to 3pm Wiseman site:
Friday 4th Sept	Induction Day Walthamstow site: Yr 7 and Yr 13 only 9am to 2.00pm Wiseman site: Yr 9 only 9am to 2pm
Monday 7th Sept	Both sites: all year groups from 8.30am to 3.10pm
Tuesday 8th Sept	Lessons start for all year groups from 8.30am to 3.10pm

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Staff farewells

We met with all staff yesterday to go through planning for September and we also said farewell to a number of colleagues, three of whom I particularly want to mention - Mrs Perera who has worked in the technology department at Holy Family for 24 years, Ms Baxter who has worked in the science department for 28 years and Miss Evans who has worked at Holy Family since the school was created and worked at Corpus Christi Junior High School before that. We wish them all a long and happy retirement.

Summer provision from LBWF

Please see the attached letter from the Director of Education in Waltham Forest which includes information about summer activities in the borough for families and young people.

And finally...

It is a privilege to lead our school community and I wish you all well for the summer holiday period. I shall write again at the end of August to clarify final arrangements and to share our updated risk assessment. If you have any questions or concerns at that time then please do not hesitate to contact me at the end of August.

Please keep everyone from our school community in your prayers.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Andy Stone

Headteacher

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