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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of this academic year, I feel it is a fitting time to say thank you to you all for your continued support towards your child's school and the staff in what has been an incredibly challenging time. The pandemic this year has certainly given us all, both at work and at home, challenges that we have never faced before.

Despite this the staff and your children have remained resilient and positive. Moving forward, the Government has provided schools with operational guidance for Stage 4 of the road map out of the restrictions and this will be the guide that our schools will use to develop their new risk assessment and plans for September. Our priority now is to move carefully into the autumn term ensuring that the steps that we take into the 'new normal' of school are done cautiously to ensure that we can keep all our staff and pupils safe and keep our doors open for learning.

Given the infection rates at this time we have decided to start the new term with some of the current systems in place for the first **two** weeks of the new term. At the start of term, we will be reviewing the latest guidance and will be transitioning to our 'new normal' from week three.

Please be assured that we will continue to have the highest regard for your child's health and safety at all times along with that of our staff.

Thank you for your continued co-operation during this transition period.

Yours sincerely

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Melanie Priestley
Chief Executive Officer

