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Dear Parent

It is customary at the end of the school year for us to write to you with information about the new school year and any changes that we intend to make. However, for many of you, the priority will be getting your child back into normal school routines as soon as possible.

As you will know, the Government has made clear their intention that all schoolchildren return to school full time from September. After detailed and rigorous risk-assessments, I can reassure you that I believe that we can do this safely at Penshurst Primary School. Therefore, we will be fully open for all children and attendance will be compulsory.

Of course, there will be a number of changes and adjustments that we will need to make and we will write to you during the summer holidays in much greater detail to outline what these are.

For now, we can confirm that all children in Years 1 to 6 will return to school full time on **Wednesday 9 September**

It is also our intention to provide you with an induction session for each year group on **Tuesday 8 September**. More details, including your arrival time, will follow in the letter that we will send you in August.

However, we can assure you that the following measures will be in place to protect your child and staff:

- Year-group bubble with minimal mixing of pupils
- Enhanced cleaning before, during and after the school day
- Personalised resources for each child
- Staggered exit and entrance into school
- Staggered break and lunch times

I am delighted that we will be able to offer the Breakfast Club facility from the start of the new term and it is also our intention to run after school clubs although these will not start immediately.



As we speed towards the end of term, we would like to say a big 'well done' to all of our children for all of their hard work at home. So many have absolutely smashed 'home-learning' and we are all really proud of our children.

We are also extremely appreciative of everything that our parents, carers and grandparents have done to support the children and our staff. As parents ourselves, we both know how difficult this has been! Nevertheless, you have done amazingly well and it has also been a great pleasure to receive the photos and videos of the experiences you have had during this period.

Hopefully you've enjoyed the messages, book readings, quizzes, challenges and online 'Pupil of the week' assemblies which have all been posted on Google Classroom/Tapestry. This is also where your children have been safely chatting with their friends and teachers.

On behalf of all of the staff at Penshurst Primary School, we have missed the children greatly and cannot wait to see them all together again in September.

Have a happy and safe summer.

Yours faithfully



Mr V Groak
Headteacher



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