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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am very much looking forward to welcoming your children back to school next week (Monday 7th September) and I hope they too are looking forward to being able to return to school.

Throughout the summer, we have received a number of communications from the government relating to the safe opening of the schools and throughout this time the emphasis has been on maintaining a safe environment whilst aiming to ensure that we are as close to 'business as usual' as possible.

I have therefore tried to ensure that we communicate with you as and when it is necessary but without overloading you with too much information, some of which can change from one week to the next.

We have a specific folder on our school website www.wintertonca.com where you can find some more specific guidelines should you need them, including a copy of the latest government guidance for parents.

In summary, all students are expected to return in their school uniform as normal on Monday 7th September at 8:50am. Staff will be present to help manage a safe and distanced transition into the building.

Year 7 pupils will go straight to the Main Hall for their welcome assembly with myself. After this, they will be taken to their tutorial room.

All other pupils will go directly to their tutorial room for period 1.

All pupils will have an assembly with myself on the first day back, to welcome them back to school.

Wherever possible we will have systems in place to help ensure pupils remain within their year group. If your child uses transport to attend school, please ask that they seat themselves either with a sibling or within their year group and that they adhere to social distancing where possible. Please ask that they choose the same seat for all journeys during this time.

To allow us to deliver the appropriate curriculum, pupils will transition from one subject to another as they usually do. They will be required to follow a one way system to minimise contact with others and they will be encouraged to sanitise their hands frequently. It would be useful for them to have a pocket-sized bottle of sanitiser for their personal use. In addition, whilst it is not compulsory, if any pupil wishes to wear a face mask whilst transitioning around school then they are welcome to do so. They should not need to wear them during lessons.

All pupils are expected to have the correct equipment for school. We ask that pupils do not share their personal equipment with others at any time. If they have forgotten something, then they should ask a teacher.

Within the classroom, pupils will be expected to sit in accordance with the designated seating plan. Again, where possible we will try and collaborate across subject areas so that they are sat next to the same person throughout the day.

The canteen will be open at lunchtime but not at break time for the time being. The canteen will operate by year group and access will be from the outside, via a one-way system. We will not be using the biometric finger print system and therefore we require you to use our Parentpay system to put money on to your child's account as appropriate. Year 7 parents will receive information on how to access their account shortly.

During break and lunch time, pupils will be asked to remain in their specific designated year-group zone. They will be told where this is when they arrive on Monday.

We are working to ensure that their return to school is as 'normal' as possible and we ask that whilst they do take precautions and follow the guidelines that we have in place, they should expect most aspects of their school life to be familiar.

I anticipate that in spite of this, it will still feel a little strange to back at first. We are here to help and if you or your child are worried about anything in particular then please do contact us to discuss your concerns further. We are doing all that we can to get this right for you, however I accept that there may be some initial teething challenges with new ways of working and where this is the case, we will look to respond and adjust as necessary.

I would like to thank you for your support and patience during these extraordinary times. It is important that we all work together to ensure that school is a safe and happy place to be and I am confident that we are ready to do just that.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mr Rowlands', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr Rowlands
Headteacher