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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying the summer holidays with your families as best you can. School has been a hive of activity over the summer with all the building projects, but we are expecting contractors to leave the site next week so that teachers can start getting into classrooms and preparing for the return of the children. I am excited about the projects that we have undertaken, knowing that they will make a significant difference to teaching and learning, especially in Key Stage One. We will also have our long-awaited wider footpath at the back of school. I will post some photographs on Facebook next week so that you can see the work that has been completed.

As you will be aware from the media, schools are working really hard to put all the measures in place that are needed to ensure that school is safe for children and staff to return in September and as a result of this we have a lot of information to share with you about how things will be managed differently when the children return. Comprehensive Risk Assessments have been completed and all staff will undergo 2 days of training on 3rd and 4th September. The amount of information and the number of changes might feel a little overwhelming but please rest assured that we are here to help so if there is anything you are not sure about please just ask. The safety and well-being of the children is our utmost priority and I would urge you to share as much information as you can with your child to help prepare them for school and alleviate any worries they may have. We realise that it will be a big step for some of our families returning to school and we are here to support you.

We will start to welcome children back from Monday 7th September as planned and we are really looking forward to seeing them as they make their phased returns into school. Unfortunately due to the challenges presented by our school site and operating in protective bubbles we will not be reopening the HideOut at the start of term but we hope that we will be able to get this provision up and running again when we return after the October half term subject to appropriate risk control measures being in place. We will not be offering any extra-curricular clubs when we return to school either but again this is something we will keep under review.

We will start to resume activity on Class Dojo from Monday 7th September for any children remaining at home ahead of their phased return so please remember to log in and check here for content. This is also a useful tool for you to use if you would like to send any messages directly to the class teacher. Please be aware that messages will not be picked up by teachers until we return to school. If you have an urgent enquiry then please contact the school office which will re-open on Thursday 3rd September.





I have created a document called 'Returning to School' which is based upon <u>Government guidance</u> and our own TDET Risk Assessment. Hopefully this will provide all the information you need and answer any questions you may have about your child's return to school but please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have a query which is not addressed through this document. You will be sent the 'Returning to School' document separately so please look out for this. You will also receive a separate letter explaining the NHS 'Test and Trace' process which I would urge you to read carefully.

The current situation continues to evolve as it has throughout and we are expecting further updates next week, particularly in relation to face coverings. The current position is that face coverings are not expected to be worn by children or staff at Warboys but I will be in touch again if this position changes. I know that this will be discussed in further meetings with the Trust and Local Authority next week.

The team at Warboys are looking forward to welcoming the children back over the coming weeks and are here to support you as best we can. We continue to journey through unchartered territories in many respects but as always, we have the best interests of the children at the heart of our work. I am confident that the children will make a happy and successful transition back into school and look forward to working with you to ensure this is the case.

Yours sincerely

Becky Ford

