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Dear Parents/Carers

It's hard to believe that we are now in the second half of the summer term! I would like to thank you once again for your ongoing support and understanding during these difficult times. Please be assured that we continue to adjust our planning to be in line with government advice, which requires daily scrutiny and subsequent actions to ensure our plans are the best they can be. Your cooperation with us has been and continues to be very much appreciated. I really do hope that you have felt frequently communicated with and brought as up to date as you possibly can be as we have progressed through the pandemic. It certainly is my aim, and that of all Headteachers, to do exactly that.

School reopening update

I write today with an update on how this week has gone, now that we have welcomed back to school children in nursery, reception, Y1 and Y6. I am delighted to say that it has been an absolute pleasure for all involved and the week has gone extremely smoothly! Staff have been overjoyed to see the children in school again and I have yet to see so many happy, smiling faces amongst our youngsters. Although it seems like a long time ago that they were last in school, they soon got back in to their routine and got down to their work (and play!) without any fuss. Thank you for your many emails to schools over the course of the week expressing your thanks and joy at seeing your children so full of enthusiasm as they return to school. Such positive feedback is always a pleasure to receive. Staff continue to go above and beyond to ensure a smooth and safe reintegration to school for all pupils, I cannot thank them enough for their hard work and commitment.

I have always said that our main priority is the health, safety and well-being of our pupils, staff and families. I certainly hope that you have been able to see, via our various online video recordings of the measures in place in school and from your children's experiences this week, that this most certainly is the case.

Reopening of Airedale Academy to Y10 and Y12 only

We continue to work very hard behind the scenes to ensure a safe reopening of Airedale Academy to the eligible Year Groups of Y10 and Y12 on the 15th June. Miss Proctor and her team will share the finer details with you shortly but in the meantime has made contact with all families and are very much looking forward to welcoming students back on site. It is absolutely vital that you make sure the school knows whether your child will be returning or not, this hugely helps the planning process.

If your child is eligible to return to school (in other words if they are in nursery, reception, Y1, Y6 or from the 15th June, in Y10 or Y12, please continue to notify your child's school as normal if your child is unable to attend so that staff are aware and can discuss with you.

Key Worker and Vulnerable children

All schools continue to be open to key worker and vulnerable children.

Future Planning

As yet, the government has not issued any plans to bring any other year groups in to school before the summer break, nor has there been any guidance to schools about how the autumn term may look. As soon as we receive further information, we will update you. In the meantime, all schools will continue to provide home learning resources to all pupils.

Please continue to take care and stay safe.

Yours faithfully



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