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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. The staff and I are delighted to be welcoming all the children back to school on Monday 7th September.

As you will be aware, there has been much in the news over the summer about education, including the importance of getting children back into school safely in September. I am sure you will have your own thoughts about this, ranging, no doubt, from being delighted by the prospect of your child returning to school full time, to anxiety about their safety and perhaps that of your family. I am writing to reassure you that we are putting the safety of the children, staff and our community first, while also trying to establish good routines which will enable your child to flourish in their learning again.

This letter is to remind you of the details laid out in July for our proposed September opening plus any additional changes required following the governments updates. I recommend all parents also visit [gov.uk/backtoschool](https://www.gov.uk/backtoschool) for information and practical guidance to help you to plan for your children's return to school.

September Opening Plans

Attached to this email is the July letter, please read it carefully. In line with the most recent government guidance, the plans remain the same.

Please pay special attention to the drop off and pick up sections. As we have over 100 children in the school and pre-school needing to be dropped at school safely, parents MUST stick to the timings and one way system. You will need to drop your child/children off quickly and then leave the premises. We realise this is likely to be a real challenge on the first few days and you will need to talk to your children about the importance of and reasons for this 'drop and go' approach. Please ensure that social distancing is observed at all times.

Additional information

PE days: On days when your child has a PE lesson, we ask that they come to school in their PE kit and remain in their kit all day. This is to reduce additional bags, staff contact and space required to change clothing.

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Class	Day to come in PE kits
Class 1 & 2	Mondays and Fridays (not Mon 7 th)
Class 3	Thursdays and Fridays
Class 4	Wednesdays and Fridays

Masks: Following government guidance, The Link Academy Trust has agreed that children will **not** be permitted to wear masks. This is because the management of masks in schools is complex requiring systems for donning and doffing, storage and disposal. Younger children tend to fiddle with masks, touching faces far more than normally. Staff will not be wearing masks in classrooms, but may wear them in shared spaces such as the staffroom where social distancing is difficult. Staff will wear full PPE if dealing with an ill or injured child.

Breakfast Club

Please can we remind you to book and pay for sessions at Breakfast club in advance (a booking form was attached to the July letter). We need to ensure we have enough staff to meet the ratio requirements to provide this service.

Parent Forum and communication

I am planning a Parent Forum for Wednesday 30th September (likely over Zoom) at 9.15am. By then we should have ironed out any initial issues and the forum can focus on how the school will develop further over the year. Please do bear with us as we get the routines and systems running smoothly. As ever, feel free to contact me by email or phone (I will always strive to phone you back as soon as I can) with any worries or concerns.

Thank you in advance for your continual support,

Kind regards,

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