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Dear Parents and Carers

Can you believe we are now over 100 days into lockdown? In some ways I can't believe it's so long, but it does seem a lifetime ago that we were crowding round the shops or going to cafes and pubs. As I write this we have just heard the news about September and I'm pleased to say it's looking really good for us all in Primary schools. We will be open for business as usual with everyone back full time. This will include everything from breakfast club to wrap around care. We will have some challenges around staggered starts, lunch and the cleaning requirements but nothing that is insurmountable. I do hope I haven't spoken too soon!! The new guidance will certainly cause some issues for our secondary schools, the Headteachers will be in touch with Parents about these.

You may have heard stories in the press about some schools being partially open over the summer. All Xavier schools will be closed for education. We will however be running a number of summer camps and sports camps. If you are interested in one in your area I've included the contact details below so please get in touch directly with the providers and not the schools.

The Marist [info@cm-sports.co.uk](mailto:info@cm-sports.co.uk)

St Hugh of Lincoln <http://planet-soccer.info/book-a-holiday-course>

St Cuthbert Mayne <http://planet-soccer.info/book-a-holiday-course>

Cardinal Newman <http://planet-soccer.info/book-a-holiday-course>

Holy Family [info@pssports-coaching.com](mailto:info@pssports-coaching.com)

St Anne's [info@funweeksandclubs.co.uk](mailto:info@funweeksandclubs.co.uk)

I know I've said it before but thank you so much for your on-going support. You've no idea what a difference it has made. It must be incredibly disheartening for you if you have children at home who want to be back in school. The staff feel the same way and miss seeing the children. Thank you especially for not taking out your frustration on our teachers. They have really appreciated all the small gestures as they have continued to juggle teaching with setting the home learning and keeping in touch with you all. Despite all being full, our schools have found a way to bring year 6 back to say a proper goodbye. This is such an important event in their lives and one they will remember for a long time. I can't find the words to thank the staff for all the extra work they have put in to serve all the children.

We will be reviewing lessons learnt from lockdown and reflecting on how we can do things differently in the future. I think we will have more online meetings for starters. Although not perfect, a zoom call is a much better use of people's time than sitting on the M25 for an hour travelling to a face to face meeting. If you have any ideas or feedback please get in touch.

At this time of year, I would normally be saying have a lovely summer and a well-deserved break. Here's hoping that you get to spend time with the family and friends you have missed over the last fifteen weeks and that good weather allows you to enjoy life outdoors.

Lastly and once again thanks for everything. Keep safe and well. We are truly blessed to have such a great community of families. I am privileged to thank you for entrusting your children into our care. I hope in the future we will look back at the COVID era and reflect that the world became a better place as a result of what we went through together.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ani Magill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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