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Update Letter to Parents 250820 V1
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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and keeping safe at this time. I hope that you have managed to have some quality time with your children over the summer.

Following my letter of 17th July, and Government guidance released on the 3rd July 2020, regarding school re-opening for all students in September, I enclose further details for your child's Year Group, and a guide for parents/students with information about the organisation of the School. Our plans have been put in place to minimise contact between Year Groups, and maintain social distancing as much as is possible.

We have worked with all our staff to ensure that we have an effective, robust and safe plan for September, which will ensure that our students return to their learning, and are supported pastorally and academically. Of course, these plans may be subject to change in line with further Government guidance, or local/national lockdown arrangements, but unless this is the case, the plans below will be in place for Term 1, up until October Half Term. This will ensure that students, parents and staff have clarity and routine for the initial 7 weeks of the 2020/21 Academic Year. Given the uncertainty of the last few months, we felt that this was key in supporting an effective return to school.

This 'new normal' is a change for all of us. Please do read through the guide with your child/children, so that they feel happy and confident to return, and are clear on the adaptations and the necessary expectations in school. As you can imagine, ensuring that student and staff safety is a priority, whilst responding to the requirements of the guidance has been a complex task. Please do bear with us as there may be aspects that can be improved, particularly over the first few weeks. Please do email your child's Tutor if you have any feedback, suggestions or concerns, as this will allow us to work together as effectively as possible.

All our staff have missed our students hugely, and are so pleased to be welcoming them back in September. The teamwork between staff, students and parents has been fantastic during the lockdown period, and I know that this will provide an excellent foundation for our return. The improvements in the school over the last 18 months have also impacted positively in our Year 11 results, published to students last week, which demonstrated the students' hard work, and the benefits of our clear expectations on high quality teaching, behaviour and student/staff wellbeing. We have also seen a significant reduction in staff turnover, which is so pleasing to see, and will help our students feel safe, with the positive relationships that support their effective learning. We also have a few new staff joining us, who will be fantastic additions to the team, who are undertaking an extensive induction process led by Miss Martin and Mr Williams to ensure that they are best placed for a highly effective start next week.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any other questions/queries. The school is currently closed, therefore, please email us as follows:

- For safeguarding concerns, please use the following email address: safeguarding@courtfields.net.
- For general enquiries, please use the main email address: sch.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk.
- If your child will be starting in Year 7 please email transition@courtfields.net with any queries.
- If your child requires a packed lunch in Term 1, please email canteen@courtfields.net.
- If you have any questions about school return or if you wish to book your child into Breakfast/Opportunities Club, please email reopening@courtfields.net.

Thank you once again for your support, which is always very much appreciated. It does so much to improve our school, and help your child to make the best progress both pastorally and academically. I hope you enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend, and the rest of the holidays. Our very best wishes from everyone at Court Fields. We look forward to welcoming our students back to school and supporting their learning and development over the coming months.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Polly Matthews'.

Mrs Polly Matthews
Acting Headteacher

