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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we continue to increase the number of pupils coming into school over the last few weeks, I would like to thank parents for your support and patience. The vast majority of pupils who are accessing time in school are returning successfully and are happy to be back in school with peers and staff. Staff have been fully committed to keeping our young people safe and doing everything they can to ensure pupils enjoy their time in school.

We are continuing to review our phased increase. Next week, on the upper site, some pupils from year 9 will be spending some time in school. On the lower site, the vast majority of pupils have now been offered a place in school. Two of our new teachers for September will also be joining us on the lower site next week so pupils can get used to the new faces.

From next week, we will be opening up our residential houses, starting with a minimal provision. We are really looking forward to welcoming our residential pupils back into the houses. James Watson has been working with the care team staff to carefully plan the reopening of the residences with the health, safety and wellbeing of the whole school community as the priority.

You are probably aware that guidance for the full re-opening of schools in September was released yesterday. This now provides us with clear information to inform what school will look like in September. If you are interested in reading this guidance, you can access it here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

As you are aware, we have already started making plans for September. This guidance will further inform and guide our plans. Over the next week or so, we will be working hard to have a clear plan to share with you for reopening to all pupils in September.

Please continue to reach out if you need any support or if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Rose". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Mark Rose
Executive Principal