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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and that both you and your children are looking forward to returning to school next week. As I have shared with you previously the return to school will be quite different to other years. Our most recent risk assessment and protocols are available for you to read on the school website. Do please make yourself familiar with these. It is very important that you know how school will operate and what to expect on both the journey to and from school and how the school day will be structured.

On Monday we will post a video explaining much of what is in the risk assessments and protocols for you and your children to watch before they return to school. We will also spend time on their first day back explaining the new procedures and expectations that we will be working to. Along with the link to the video, you will be reminded of your child's form and told where it will be based in school and how to access it on the first day. All year 7 students will start the day in the canteen and will be taken to their form room. There will be plenty of staff around site to help direct other year groups on their first day back. It is very important that pupils are clear which rooms they are to go to and how to enter their allotted buildings, so please do share this information with your children.

I am also attaching to this letter, a letter from the Director of Public Health and the Director of Children's Education and Communities explaining their recommendation on the use of face coverings and a further newsletter from CYC.

You will see from our protocols and risk assessment that we, like all York secondary schools, will be following the strong recommendation from the Director of Public Health that face coverings should be worn in all inside communal areas. We have a clear expectation that all pupils and staff, who are able to, wear face coverings in corridors and other inside communal areas. Please ensure your child has a face covering. Face coverings are not expected to be worn in classrooms and should be removed on entry and safely stored in a sealable plastic bag.

We will all have different levels of excitement or indeed anxiety as we return to school. We are going into an unknown for us all. The documentation is provided to inform and give assurance of the steps that have and will continue to be taken to provide high quality education in as safe an environment as possible. There are clear processes in place. These will take some time to get used to and we will undoubtedly find things that can be done in a better way and look to change when this is the case.

It will be lovely to see all our pupils return to school and we are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Lewis Head Teacher

