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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we all prepare for the return of our children and young people to school on Monday, I wanted to thank you again for the support you have given the trust and your school over the past 8 weeks of lockdown.

The adherence to lockdown regulations have enabled us to open up schools and welcome children back. It is essential that we continue to follow all guidelines, both within and outside our schools to ensure that the infection rates continue to fall and we protect ourselves, our families and the wider community.

Please do use the school protocols and risk assessments along with other school communications to remind you of expectations in school and just as importantly, on the journey to school. This may be via school buses, bikes, cars or children walking to school. May I bring particular attention to pick up and drop off times at primary and junior schools and remind parents and carers not to congregate and socialise at the school gates.

I would also like to thank, in advance, parents, carers and pupils at Fulford for their cooperation in wearing face coverings during lessons and their uptake of lateral flow tests. No one action will stop the spread of the pandemic but by supporting these expectations, we make marginal gains that allow us to keep schools open and protect others.

I expect and very much hope that we can now look forward to a prolonged period of time in school. Education has continued throughout the lockdown for all our children and young people. We have missed your children and I know they have missed their teachers and friends. We will quickly re-establish routines and support a smooth transition back to the classroom. As always, we are here to support and help not only pupils but the wider family. Please do contact your school if you have any particular concerns.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday.

Yours sincerely

Steve Lewis CEO, South York Multi Academy Trust

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