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Dear Parent / Carer,

I write to set out the Trusts' position on school re-opening. Your Headteacher will write to you separately with the specific details and organisational arrangements. I am delighted to say that we anticipate a full return to school during September.

It is important to remember that we remain in the period of COVID-19. That will require some adjustments to be made in order to maintain safe environments. It may, for instance, be that adjustments are made to the school day in order to more safely manage numbers at drop-off/ pick-up times. A challenge for all schools nationally is how we provide teachers with their contracted non-contact time without risking super-spreading through cover arrangements. Schools also have to plan for a more regular deep cleaning programme than was the case pre-COVID. Similar to shops, restaurants and the rest – we can expect '*Same, but not the same*' on the full return to school.

We have kept health, safety and welfare at the forefront of our thinking and planning throughout this period. As things stand, a further spike in COVID-19 outbreaks remains a strong possibility. Our arrangements are designed to be resilient to the challenge ahead. We thank you for your trust, patience and understanding throughout these unprecedented times. I am sure that we will all welcome a return to some level of certainty and normalisation in September.

With every best wish,



Mark Wilson
Chief Executive Officer
Wellspring Academy Trust