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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all well. The last five months have been very difficult for everyone, and many families will have been affected emotionally and economically. Some of our teachers have been shielding, many have, like you, been trying to manage learning from home. We have great sympathy. My wife is a headteacher, and the two of us have found supporting and motivating our young girls challenging as they became less and less motivated. They missed school, their teachers and friends profoundly. This is why all of our children need to get back to school; they need the structure both educationally and emotionally. We have worked extremely hard to enable this to happen.

We sent out the letter last week with the practical details of how we were going to manage 1550 people in one building, my senior colleagues have been magnificent in making sure that we can open for everyone at the end of this week.

However, we must be clear that in order to ensure student safety day-to-day operations will not be exactly the same as before. Our management of behaviour and safety will be adapted so that we are able to deliver learning effectively whilst adhering to covid guidelines. This means that our students' ability to follow the Nobel school rules and show consideration for the others will be essential in order to keep us all safe. Please talk to your children and explain to them that organising a school of our size and keeping year groups in separate 'bubbles' is an enormous undertaking. Therefore, Nobelians must be at their best while we manage and mitigate against this virus and not display behaviour that compromises the safety of our school community. Furthermore, staff will be very positive, aiming over the next month to carefully reintegrate students back into school. We need all Nobelians to stick to the plan and not to be tempted to mix with students in different year groups.

Finally, the wearing of facemasks is not compulsory to begin with. We will follow government guidelines on all these matters, any change of policy will be communicated to you immediately.

As always, thank you for your support. Looking forward to seeing everyone later this week.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

