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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well.

Many of you will know that the guidance from the DFE came out last Thursday about schools opening for September.

Since the guidance came out, I have spent much of the time considering what the new information means for us and how it will impact upon how we might reopen. I have also been consulting across the Didcot Partnership and within the local authority to clarify the guidance and researching different approaches taken to it.

After reading the guidance, our aim is to be open fully from September.

However, opening fully will come with some challenges. No challenge is insurmountable; it just will require very careful consideration and planning.

That is our intention and we will react to any changes in the guidance should that arise.

My aim is to be able to send our plan for September by the end of next week, including the updated risk assessment. Thank you for helping us to have a smooth start and end to each day. It is important though when collecting your child that you keep moving quickly on the one way system. This will become doubly so in September when all the children are back in school.

In other news, a reminder that the last day of term will be Friday 17th July and we will finish at the current time of 3:05 pm.

I would like to finish with a message to parents from the Chair of Governors.

Governors would like to share their thanks to you all for the way that you have supported the school in these challenging times. The school has, throughout, put the well-being of the children and staff at the forefront of all arrangements. This has meant an additional workload for all staff and Governors would like to thank them. We would especially like to thank Mr Gibson and the senior leadership

team who have had to make difficult decisions as they have taken on additional responsibilities. Governors have been proactive in ensuring that the best possible provision has always been available for the children.

We appreciate that for many of you, it has also been a difficult period. Many of you have had to juggle work with family commitments along with supporting your children's remote learning that has been put in place. Thank you for all you have done.

Governors are pleased that so many children have been able to return to school before the summer holidays and we all look forward to the Autumn term in what we hope will be a more normal experience.

Ann Parham (Chair of Governors)

Once again, thank you for all of your tireless support throughout this challenging time. I know it has not been easy for anyone but you have played your part.

Warm regards,

Bryn Gibson