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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, and most importantly, I would like to thank you once again for your support and understanding during what continues to be uncertain times. This is much appreciated.

Over the past 12 weeks it has been our priority to keep you updated on developments affecting your child's school. We are currently awaiting key government guidance regarding the start of the new school year in September. This guidance is due to be released today and we will need a period of time to contextualise what it means for all of our schools and to formulate ways to open safely for September. Please be assured that the Headteachers/Principals and I will share our plans with you as soon as we are able to. These plans will need to align to the government's expectations and will need to cover all scenarios, whilst enabling children the ability to catch up with school work.

Please note that the government's announcement that schools will close over the summer holidays will be applicable for all Wensum Trust schools, in the same way that it is for Local Authority schools. Unlike the recent Easter and half term holidays, the closure over the summer means a total closure - there will be no provision for vulnerable or key worker children during the summer holidays.

We know that you may have concerns and questions about children returning to school in September and we will do our very best to ensure that we answer these before the end of term. However, as I am sure you can appreciate, the summer will remain a very busy time for our staff as the position and expectations with regard to Covid-19 and schools is ever changing.

Yours sincerely

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