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Dear parent/carer,

We hope that you have had a good summer and that you have remained safe and well. You will be aware that there is an expectation from the government for schools and academies to fully reopen in September. You will be or will have had a telephone conversation from your child's class teacher to discuss arrangements for your child along with your views and concerns. These will take place as soon as possible with the expectation that all children will return as soon as possible.

For some of you sending your child back to the academy is a daunting prospect and we understand that and will work with you to alleviate any concerns that you may have. For others this is not so daunting their children have been attending part or full time right through the term and taken part in the summer scheme too. We are also well aware that some more medically vulnerable students have not attended since lockdown, but we have remained in contact with you. Again, you will receive a 'phone call to discuss your child returning to the academy. Whilst this will be as soon as possible, we do need to ensure that specialist equipment and procedures are in place for the safety of all pupils and staff.

In July, we wrote to you outlining how we expect the re-opening of our academy will work. This week, the risk assessment has been reviewed and we remain confident that our plans will enable us to welcome back all our children as safely as possible.

You can read our re-opening plans again in full on our website here:

<https://www.yeomanpark-ac.org.uk/september-re-opening-update/>

and

<https://www.redgateprimary-ac.org.uk/september-re-opening-update/>

School will re-open for pupils on Wednesday 2nd September with Tuesday 1st being an INSET day for staff. We then aim to get all pupils back as quickly as possible following discussions with parents and completion of individual risk assessments.

We've been very busy making arrangements to welcome children back to school and we are sure they will settle back quickly into new routines and systems. It is **very important** that we have up to date



contact details for parents/ carers if you could please ensure that your information is up to date should we need to get in touch.

Should you need to speak to a member of staff or have any queries please contact the office in the first instance.

In preparation for younger children returning we have created a short video for children to explain some of the systems which can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sstTWfjM1iY&feature=youtu.be>

Please ensure that children, where possible do not bring personal possessions into school other than coats and bags. Packed lunches should be sent in disposable bags.

Mobile phones are not allowed.

If you have any concerns or specific questions regarding your child's return in September, please let us know via email or telephone.

Yours faithfully,

Pauline Corfield, Senior Principal

Courtney Hoop, Principal

