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Dear Parent/Carers,


At the end of our first full week in school for almost six months, I wanted to write to express my sincere thanks for trusting the measures we have put in place and for sending your children back to us in order that they can restart their learning in the classroom. Our average attendance since our return is 98%, however, it is important that we try to maintain this great start and aim for 100%.

It has been wonderful to have a full school again and witness the purposeful learning environment in lessons. We have been particularly impressed with both the resilience your children have shown, and their desire to work with us under our new guidelines. All of our planning for the full opening of The Bourne Academy was completed without any children in school, and so it is natural that we will be looking to tweak our new routines in order to facilitate the safe and efficient running of our site. With this in mind, I would like to thank you for responding positively to the communications we have sent recently around safe use of face coverings, guidance around illness and school absence. I would also like to take this opportunity to update and remind you on a number of other notices:

- I would like to thank parents/carers for responding to our request for Hadow Road to be kept as clear as possible during drop off and pick up times. However, when parking in local streets can I ask that you are aware of local parking restrictions and residents' driveways. The Local Authority has increased traffic enforcement around the area to support safety
- Please be aware that we will be publishing contingency plans for the Academy's remote learning procedures in the event of any local lockdown restrictions. These plans will include live teaching via Microsoft Teams as well set work on Show My Homework. We will be sending out a survey to you all to ascertain your IT accessibility to support us in this planning
- Parents should only be coming on site in an emergency or if they have a prior appointment
- If one of your children is displaying COVID symptoms, then all members of the household (including siblings) should isolate – we strongly encourage the family arrange a test. Please use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service [here](#) if you are unsure.

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As I mentioned earlier, it has been wonderful to have the Academy fully open again to all students. You should all be very proud of your children as they have adapted to their return with ease. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank staff for their commitment to our new procedures, they have been fantastic.

Kind regards,

Mr Avoth

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