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Dear Parents/Carers and members of the school community.

I sincerely hope you have been managing, whatever your circumstances, throughout lockdown and beyond.

We have experienced unexpected and unprecedented times over the last few months but the school, the teachers, support staff and students have all responded magnificently to the challenges with your support, so thank you all.

The staff, whilst managing the day to day activities, have also kept an eye on future direction to keep improving.

Having made the move from learning in school to learning at home, the preparations are in place for the move back to school.

The senior leaders have made robust plans paying particular attention to social distancing measures, hygiene and routines to enable a successful start to the new school year 2020/2021. If changes need to be made, it will be based on the status of Covid-19 and advice from Public Health. Decision making is taken in the best interests of all.

Great preparation has been made for our new year 7 students.

It looks like our Year 11's have again improved on last year's results. More to follow on that.

Great news about the School Wellbeing Award too! So relevant in these times.

There has been a change of emphasis, but not direction for the school. There will have to be changes to our short-term expectations on school performance, but nothing changes in the medium to long-term. There will, of course, be some catching up to do but that brings more opportunities.

Everyone is doing the best in our school community and the Governors thank you all for that. The governors will support decisions where necessary without compromising safety.

We thank you for your patience. We know some parents/carers will still be nervous as will school staff, this is a perfectly human response. Everyone wants to get back to normality – it will be a journey.

The support you have shown for Mrs Kennedy and the rest of the school has been heart-warming. As a society, we are learning who and what really matters in a time of crisis and we will all carry this with us.

Continue to stay safe everyone.

Margaret Cassin
Chair of Governors