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Dear Parents / Carers

Firstly, and most importantly, I hope this letter finds you and your family well. We have been living in extraordinary times which has created many challenges for us all but I wanted to write at this time to wish your son / daughter well for the new school term which is rapidly approaching.

I am really pleased that all the schools within The Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust will be fully open from the beginning of term. I would like to pay tribute to the staff who have been working on the reopening plans, risk assessments and communications as we prepare to welcome everyone back. The, at times inconsistent, national guidance and last-minute amendments to government policy has caused frustration and extra work but I am confident that our schools are fully prepared to welcome the students back. Obviously, the plans and procedures will be closely monitored by senior staff and will be amended promptly if any issue were to arise in their implementation.

I know you have received letters from your school over recent weeks, so hopefully you are fully aware of the arrangements for the start of term. The school day will be understandably different from that which your youngster experienced prior to lockdown. However, we are determined to deliver a broad curriculum that enables our pupils to catch up and progress with their learning and therefore fulfil their potential as we move forwards.

Whilst I'm sure we all agree how important it is to get all students back to school, I do recognise that there may be a number of parents and children who will be feeling a little anxious at this time. This is totally understandable. Please do speak with staff at your school and ensure you familiarise yourself with the school's risk assessments and procedures as, I'm sure, these will help allay any concerns you may have. All of the plans and risk assessments have been agreed by the Trustees and the Local Academy Committees.

I look forward to hearing of the successes that students will enjoy over the next term so once more I would like to wish them well for the new academic year.

Yours sincerely,



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