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Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN – 7TH SEPTEMBER 2020

We do hope that you and your families are well and that you have been able to have an enjoyable summer break.

The following arrangements detail the return to school of ALL pupils on **Monday 7th September 2020**; this is based on the latest government guidance issued in July and updated on 28th August.

Using the latest government guidance, we have completed a new risk assessment, which will be available for you to read on the school website. This risk assessment has been approved and agreed by governors and Islington Local Authority.

This guidance encourages the safety of pupils through the use of 'bubbles' and encourages the safety of staff through social distancing.

Based on this risk assessment, a Return to School Plan (RSP) has been agreed based on all the information known at today's date. The Key objectives for this plan are as follows:

- a) Ensure risk to pupils and staff is minimized as much as is possible
- b) Provide a broad and balanced curriculum which includes additional time for mental health and well-being support
- c) Deliver full time education to every pupil from 7th September 2020

We understand that some families may feel concerned and worried about their child coming back to school. We can assure parents and carers that we have put significant measures in place to best keep both our staff and children as safe as possible.

Alongside the actions school has put in place, *we do need families to support us.* The key actions that parents and carers can do to help are as follows:

- Contact school by email or by phone; please do NOT enter the school site unless instructed to do so by a member of staff
- Arrive promptly to drop-off and collect your child





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- ***MOST IMPORTANTLY, do not bring your child to school if they (a) show any symptoms of Covid-19, or (b) they need to complete a quarantine period (evidence may be requested to verify overseas travel in this instance)***

Attached to this letter, you will find a copy of our Return to School Information in the form of FAQs. This was devised in conjunction with one of our Parent Governors, who was able to share some of your actual questions.

Whilst we cannot wait to have our pupils back in school, we know that this is still a changeable time and our Risk Assessment and Planned arrangements will be under constant review. We will, as always, endeavour to keep you up to date.

Should you have any questions which we have not yet answered, please do email the school admin@stjhv.islington.sch.uk. Alternatively, the school office will be open for urgent telephone queries from Thursday 3rd September.

As always, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and look forward to the start of an incredibly unusual academic year.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Tonnie Read
Interim Executive Headteacher

