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Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope you and your family are well. This letter will set out the arrangements for the first day of the new academic year to allow a safe return to College.

The government has confirmed that they expect all students to return to compulsory education on-site in the new academic year. Their guidance can be read using the link here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>. Please also read my letter issued on 7 July (attached) which outlines the mitigations we will have in place.

We are aiming to make the return to College as normal as possible but inevitably the current situation around Covid-19 means our usual way of working will not always be possible. We have built in a more staggered break and lunch to support separation of different groups of students. There are also longer tutorial sessions to support and reassure students with any questions or concerns. Also attached is a copy of the timings of the College day.

The new Year 7 will also join us on Tuesday 25 August for an Induction Day.

It is vital that all students return to College from Wednesday 26 August to minimise as far as possible the longer-term impact of the pandemic on your child's education, well-being and wider development.

On arrival on Wednesday 26 August students (other than Year 9) should enter the College through the turnstiles and then report to the following areas:

- Year 7 students should go straight to their tutor rooms in the humanities area.
- Year 8 students should make their way to the Hellerup.
- Year 9 should go straight to the Sports Hall entering the building through the gates to the side of **Stevenson's Leisure reception**.
- Years 10 and 11 should report straight to their tutor rooms in the maths area.

During the first day, students will spend time with their tutor groups completing activities that will aid their transition back to College. This will include icebreaker activities, mental health, a well-being session and opportunities to form or reaffirm friendships and relationships with peers and staff. Tutors will also go through with students our expectations regarding keeping themselves and others safe during the Covid-19 pandemic. In particular, information will be shared around social distancing, good hygiene and how to follow the one-way system that is in place. As you will be aware, if a student persistently breaks our expectations, we will take this matter very seriously and if necessary, they will be excluded from the College.

If you have concerns regarding your child returning, you should make contact using the email address: office@catmosecollege.com.

I look forward to welcoming the Year 7 students on Tuesday and the rest of College on Wednesday.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Stuart Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' and 'W'.

Stuart Williams