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Dear Parent/ Carer

September return to school for all students

We hope all our families and students are well at this time and you have managed to have a relaxing summer. Following guidance published by the Department for Education on Thursday 2 July, I am delighted to announce that Tile Cross Academy will be fully open to all students in September. We have waited a long time for this news and we are all extremely excited to be in a position to welcome everyone back to our school.

To facilitate the full re-opening of the school, we will need to provide some additional health and safety guidance to students while they are on the school site. **This document shares important information on the routines and procedures that will be in place for students' return.** We appreciate there is a lot of information to read but recommend that you read this documentation thoroughly and share with your children the expectations and routines that they will encounter once they return in September.

To support the return of our students in September, we have made some adjustments to the start of the term. **Please note the following important changes:**

Year Group	Start Back to School Date	Start Time
Year 7	Friday 4 th September	Year 7 – 8.40am - <i>via Sports Hall Gate</i>
Year 8 & Year 11	Monday 7 th September	Year 8 – 8.40am - <i>via Main Entrance Doors</i> Year 11 – 9.00am - <i>via Main Entrance Doors</i>
Year 9 & 10	Wednesday 9 th September	Year 9 – 8.50am - <i>via Sports Hall Gate</i> Year 10 – 8.50am - <i>via Main Entrance Doors</i>

This booklet also contains important information regarding our new staggered start and finish times each day and our new Cashless way of operating in our school.

We are now busy planning our curriculum for September. **Our priority will be to ensure that all students return safely.** I understand that some students will feel overwhelmed or anxious after such a long time away. However, our teachers and support staff will be able to provide care and guidance during this transition period. We are also planning lessons which will address any gaps in knowledge and allow students to catch up on work quickly and with minimal stress.

We recognise that the new normal will take some adjusting to for both staff and students but believe by working together we can limit the risk of transmitting the virus. Our responses to very challenging circumstances and our procedures will be reviewed weekly. We acknowledge that outside of school students may mix with other year groups, travel on buses or play together across ages. However, whilst in school, student contact will be minimised with other year groups as suggested in the government guidance.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your family an enjoyable end to the summer break.

We look forward to seeing our whole school community again in September.

Yours sincerely

Mr Paul Marano – Headteacher



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