

Dear families,

15th July 2020

First of all, I do very much hope that this communication finds you all in good health and positive spirits as we come to the end of what has been an extremely challenging academic year.

As many of you will already be aware, the Government has announced that statutory attendance requirements will be reintroduced for all children from 1st September 2020. Therefore, as is our legal duty, all Waterton academies will be welcoming back all children for the start of the Autumn term. Exact arrangements in relation to individual academies will be communicated to parents by headteachers well in advance of September.

In preparation for welcoming our children back, headteachers are already updating academy risk assessments and planning for the safest environment possible. Given the diverse nature of our academies, it is inevitable that there will be variations in operational plans. However, be reassured that Trustees have instructed that all risk assessments must be checked against Government guidelines before being approved. In order to further reassure families and stakeholders, all academies will make operational plans available on their websites.

We appreciate that the prospect of a full return in September may leave some families feeling anxious. Please be assured that we will do all in our power to meet the needs of all pupils whilst keeping them as safe as possible. I would strongly encourage families to contact academies directly if they have any concerns regards September. As we work through our plans for September we will provide updates for our communities via the Trust website www.watertonacademytrust.org. Given the changing nature of guidance provided and the planning required, it is likely to be mid to late August when this will be published.

As we come to the close of the summer term, all Waterton staff continue to work tirelessly to ensure that we are well prepared for September. I thank them for their sterling efforts and for going well above what is expected. I would also express my gratitude to our families and communities for their continued support and for placing their trust in our amazing academy teams.

I trust that this letter has clearly communicated the current position. However, should you have any questions regards this letter then please direct them firstly to your headteacher. Should you then require further information please contact info@watertonacademy.org

I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing summer break. Please stay safe and I look forward to welcoming you back in September

Yours Sincerely



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