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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that the summer holiday has provided a suitable chance for you and your family to relax and recharge ahead of the new term and that you have all enjoyed a healthy and much needed break. In school we have been busy with the summer school and the Holiday and Food Project with over 230 students from Years 4-6 on site. More of this in the Oaklands News in September.

Recent adjustments to the national guidance for schools would seem to suggest that significant progress has been made in the fight against Coronavirus, whilst accepting there is still some way to go. Many of the mitigations that have been in place over the last 18 months can now end with a further review at the end of September.

I have produced a Back to School booklet which can be found on the website via this link [Student and Parent Booklet for September 2021](#) which describes many of the important aspects of school organisation from September, including the control measures that remain in place. I have also used this as an opportunity to reinforce expectations related to uniform, attendance and behaviour.

Please go through this with your child. We will discuss the detail related to practical arrangements in school with students when they return. The booklet will be shared with all students via Teams.

I am pleased that the relaxation of some of the measures will have positive benefits in PE, Music, Drama and other practical areas that have been compromised over the last 18 months. Students can look forward to the full range of experiences again. Group work can also return to normal classroom activity. Similarly, our extra-curricular programme will start up again in September and I have challenged subjects like PE that have had a broad offer in the past, to ensure something is available to students most evenings. We have started to work with trip providers looking towards 2022 and 2023 to re-establish some of our significant national and international excursions.

As has been the case throughout the pandemic, we will react positively to the 'ebb and flow' of Government advice and plan accordingly.

Please be assured that our recovery plans will continue to provide as much support as possible to families. We will also continue to work on advances on teaching and learning. You will already have heard about the introduction of Class Charts as one way that we hope to improve communication with you. More information can be found by following [this link](#).

Finally if you need a gentle reminder about the timings for the start of term lateral flow testing this can be found by following [this link](#).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr M Quinn', written in a cursive style.

Mr M Quinn
Headteacher