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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are all well. Five weeks have now passed since our full return to school and as we approach the half-term break, I would like to update you on some key areas.

Students have now covered their full timetable (now on a 4-week cycle) and have worked in pockets of the school with their year group 'bubbles'. Opportunities for practical subject areas are still limited except for Year 11 students who are covering all subjects and using specialist rooms. We will keep looking for areas and opportunities to expand delivery within the DfE framework and the guidelines that we must operate within.

Students have adapted exceptionally well to the new safety measures that we have put in place. Staggered starts, breaks and lunchtimes coupled with extra handwashing, sanitising and changes to timetables and the structure of their day have been embraced. I am proud of the way the students have dealt with these changes. Of course, Year 7 have not worked in a different environment, but it has been fantastic to see them settle into the new normality of everyday life at school. I have attached an updated copy of the full school reopening guidance from DfE:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

I know you have recently received a copy of circumstances where we would send students home and some further guidance relating to symptoms. I am pleased to say that we have not had to consider sending home whole year groups or significant numbers of student's home to isolate to date. I sincerely hope that this remains to be the case as we move through the term. The normality of returning to school cannot be underestimated in terms of students physical and mental health and wellbeing. I have met with a number of students this week and overwhelmingly in their words they are "just glad to be back".

It is nevertheless a challenging time, but this is outweighed by having a sense of structure and routines back in everyday lives of our students.

We continuously monitor our new operating procedure and we have made a significant number of minor changes since our return. We will continue to do this to ensure our procedures remain effective and to continue to make adjustments where necessary.

As usual please contact us at the school on 01270 560514 or email: parent-carer@ruskin.cheshire.sch.uk if you would like to discuss anything.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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