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Dear Parents and Carers,

Fit for Purpose

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 7th September. Formulated with a deft touch by Deputy Head Ms Lindsay Johnson and in consultation with Thomas Jones' Board of Governors and the Local Authority, our revised Risk Assessment is dense, appropriately robust and entirely fit for purpose.

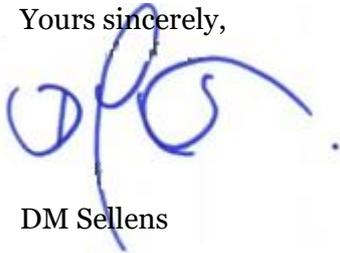
Cornerstones

There is no doubt that the seven weeks between 1st June and 17th July were positively humbling - indeed is no exaggeration to say that it was, on many levels, rather magical. Our 'cornerstones' - exactitude, pragmatism, inclusivity and kindness, will continue to shape what we do, both in the short term, and in the months ahead. We are used to being strategic and it is somewhat counter intuitive to be in a situation whereby it is necessary to operate in a markedly different fashion. Increasingly, it is my view that weathering the pandemic is not so much about the minutiae but how one responds. Your child's health and well-being are absolute, but we must not lose sight of each pupil's education and wider development.

Enhancement Project

In anticipation of seeing you next week, I think it prudent to afford some context about the summer. The initial stage of the premises Enhancement Project is now, more or less, complete. The eagle-eyed amongst you will immediately notice an anomaly in that the fascia board above my office is discoloured with watermarks. This will be replaced. At the start of the holiday the capping that surrounds the building as well as the panels, were re-painted. This adds a positive dynamic. Wear and tear to the parquet flooring has been rectified. The small seating area adjacent to the Reception classroom has been cosmetically repaired. I am in the process of securing funding to have it replaced with something more durable. Other minor works have also been executed with aplomb.

Yours sincerely,



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