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Dear Parents and Carers,

Erring on the Side of Caution

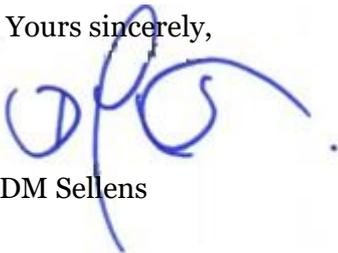
There is no denying that for everybody the speculation surrounding schools re-opening has been debilitating. Hearsay, rumour and misinformation continue to abound. Separating the truth from somebody's views is not straightforward. The Leadership Team have so far erred on the side of caution as to how we envisage responding to the Department for Education's requests. Let us be clear, all of us want our pupils to return to school as soon as it is safe to do so. The staff team have devoted their lives and careers to the care and education of children – they do not want to see classrooms empty for a day longer than they need to be. However, the first priority has to be the safety of everyone in the school community. I will write again about this matter in due course.

From the Mundane to Desert Island Discs

'To find the miraculous in the ordinary'

The above line comes from poet laureate Simon Armitage, talking on BBC Radio 4's Desert Island Discs programme last Sunday. Much that he shared resonates, especially the notion of taking pleasure in the ordinary, perhaps even the mundane. In recent weeks, we have all, in varying degrees, become accustomed to recalibrating. For some, tending a window box or patch of garden has afforded quiet satisfaction, even solace at this difficult time. For others, being forced to slow down and spend longer doing things that are usually rushed or taken for granted has been almost cathartic. I do not profess to know any more than the rest of you concerning how life post the virus will be but I hope as a society we can learn from this experience and grow as a consequence, learning that more is not always necessarily better.

Yours sincerely,



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