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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to write to you today with great news. Based on the announcement in parliament yesterday, all students will be returning to school in September!

As you can appreciate, there is some significant guidance that accompanies this announcement and will come with some very different ways of working. Over the next couple of weeks we will be working on digesting this guidance and putting things into place to ensure that students receive the best education available to them whilst still maintaining their health and wellbeing as a priority. I must ask for your continued support and patience around this return as we may need to make some changes to formats of the school day and to the way we usually do things at Garibaldi, in order to receive all students back safely.

It is really important to note that we are still 9 weeks away from students returning in the autumn term and there is still the possibility that situations may change or we have to respond to local contexts. As always, I will ensure that these changes are communicated to you as they become available. I also do not want to give you too much depth too soon though, given that this may change.

It is worth speaking to your son or daughter about their return to school as they may have many mixed feelings. We are already preparing to work with students to re-engage them back into school. After, what will be nearly half a year of not being in school properly, it is important that we support this transition back to school and help them settle back in accordingly, providing support and guidance where possible.

It is also important that students recognise the part they have to play in looking after themselves and others; and the role they have to play in having high standards in everything they do in order to maximise their chances of success. We will spend some time on their first day back on this induction programme to give them a heads up on changes and expectations.

For Year 10 and 12, Mr Dawson has published the programme of study in school for the last two weeks of this half term. It has again, been great to see such an excellent turnout and commitment to work.

All the best for now,

Yours faithfully

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