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Dear Parent / Carer

Friday marked the first full week back in school after a considerable period of partial closure and it has been great having the students in lessons in their classrooms once more.

I would like to congratulate everybody in the school community on how we have adapted to the many changes we have had to implement in school to minimise risks and increase safety. Following the new rules and protocols remains essential and will do for some time. As a reminder, all our safety advice, organisational details and information for parents and students can be located in one place in the weekly newsletters section of our website.

<https://www.windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk/news-vacancies/weekly-newsletters/>

We will continue to use this method to keep you updated with any changes to guidance or new information that you may need. At this point could I ask for your support in asserting some of our plans at the beginning and end of the school day and on the journey to and from school.

We have created a system of specific arrival and exit times and gates for individual year groups to reduce mixing and increase social distancing. It is therefore essential that students adhere to these arrangements. Could parents and carers please reassert the importance of a punctual arrival at the arranged time, a continuous awareness of the need for social distancing and a swift movement into the allocated zones in school. Similarly at the end of the day an efficient exit is needed to avoid congregation at our gates. We have become aware of an increase in the number of cars dropping off and collecting students. If you need to support your child's travel to or from school, please pay regard to the road markings, yellow lines and zig zags which denote the areas of largest concern. Richmond Street can be particularly busy at key times and I ask that you consider the best and most considerate place to drop off or collect your child in the future. By working together we will increase the safety of our young people and each other.

In other news I would like to pay tribute to the students in year 11 and 13 who left us in the summer. They achieved a superb set of examination results that were a testament to their commitment and dedication. They had an unforeseen swift and sudden departure from school in March and the disruption associated with not taking their exams, it was therefore particularly pleasing to see them collect such a gratifying set of results and move on to their destinations of choice. Well done to them all!

Returning to school has meant the return to classroom lesson delivery that has been welcomed by all. However, rest assured that should we be put in a position where "local lockdown" is imposed upon us we will rapidly move to the use of our google classrooms once more. The use of this digital platform was a huge success over the last six months and we will be ready to ensure this is the case again.

Finally, thank you for the part you have played so far and indeed for the last six months. Firstly for supporting the remote learning of your son or daughter and ensuring such a smooth and enjoyable return to school. The relationship between home and school has always been the foundation for our young people to do well.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher