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Dear Parents and carers

Thank you so much for your support over the past week with our return plans. Over the next three days our remaining pupils will return to school. We will continue to focus this week on embedding our school routines to ensure that all members of our school community can remain safe and well.

When we looked at how best to facilitate the return to school, we were always very much aware that our planning would be amended and adapted almost as soon as term began. Any plan once in place needs to be constantly reviewed. Given the numbers of pupils we have at our school, and the space limitations we have regarding catering facilities, I ask for your patience as we move through the next few weeks. We have been so grateful to you for providing your child with a packed lunch. Please continue to do this, as it makes the current running of the school so much easier. We will of course continue to share with pupils and parents changes that we feel we need to make. Together we will make this work.

By way of some reminders, please can I ask that you continue to follow local and national guidance regarding the virus. Should your child display any symptoms please do not send them into school, and arrange to have a test. Over the weeks and months, we as a community will become familiar with this process. We also do need pupils to come to school with a face covering. We will provide them where necessary, but it would be helpful if pupils have them before they come onto site. As we move to full capacity over the next few days the school continues to open to pupils from 8:20 am. We will review this at the end of the week, but if you could support myself and our staff by keeping to this time we would be appreciative.

Last week I shared with you the process of recruiting two parents to join the Local Governing Board. Due to the current level of interest, the closing date has been extended until the end of the week. Please can any nomination forms be returned to h.collier@stmonicas.co.uk by 12:00 pm on Friday, September 11th.

Finally, as teachers and adults who work with young people we were delighted to get back to some type of normal last week. It has been lovely to get back to doing what we all came here to do.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Foley

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