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September Opening

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, announced that from September schools will be opening to all pupils. Extensive guidance on the full opening of schools was published yesterday. We will need time to work through the guidance, its implications on logistics and organisation and to put rigorous Risk Assessments in place. As we did prior to partial reopening, we will communicate the school's plans in detail once they are complete and before the end of the summer term.

We are delighted that we will once again be able to open to all pupils and welcome the whole school community back on site. However, there will be numerous implications and school life is likely to remain adjusted for the Autumn term at least. Some of the main points in the guidance are summarised below:

- The government has set out its intent and plan for all children to return to school full time from the start of September. It is based on a twin strategy of limiting contact between pupils and implementing hygiene measures
- The protective measures put in place for the summer term remain with some adaptation. These measures are: A requirement that people who are ill stay at home; robust hand and respiratory hygiene; enhanced cleaning arrangements; active engagement with NHS test and trace; formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible.
- How contacts are reduced will depend on individual school's circumstances. This is likely to include many of the measures already in place in school such as staggered drop off/pick up times and 'bubbles' being maintained.
- Attendance at school is mandatory from Autumn term onwards and usual rules on school attendance will apply.
- There is consideration given to those pupils who are in a vulnerable category or are self-isolating on the advice of NHS test and trace.

There is also guidance on curriculum expectations so that all pupils are given the catch-up support needed to make substantial progress by the end of the academic year. The school has already begun planning in this regard and we wait to hear what additional funding will be available to St Erth under the government's £1billion tutoring and catch up programme.

Please be assured that we will communicate with you in detail as soon as we are able.

Thank you for all your support as always.

Yours Sincerely

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