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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our schools.

We hope this letter finds you and your family well. We have now been back for a couple of weeks and are very pleased with the way children and families have settled into new routines and structures. All the schools have reported a very successful re-opening and we would like to thank you for your cooperation and support of our schools.

All pupils and staff are currently well with no positive cases of Covid-19 reported across all four institutions. However, we are very aware that the situation regarding testing for Covid-19 is proving very difficult and that some families and staff have to stay away from schools for longer than necessary whilst they wait for results to be reported to them. We hope that this situation improves as pupils and staff are prioritised for testing.

You will also be aware that the rates of infection across the UK and within Southwark and Lewisham are rising rapidly. This may have an impact on schools and families if we are asked to close or have to suspend a class bubble within our schools if positive infections arise. We will keep you informed of any changes as quickly as possible and will always support our children in their learning whether in school or at home. If you do have to isolate because of Covid-19, please do contact your school so that they can arrange for some work to be provided for your children.

Please do also contact your child's school if you are concerned about anything as they will always be willing to help you and resolve any worries.

Many thanks, once again, for your support and for such a successful return to learning,

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