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Parent/Carer

Dear Parent/Carer

As we look forward to all of our children and young people returning to school this September, I am writing to explain how you can work with us to make this successful.

Although many restrictions have been eased, schools will still be very different from when they were last full in March and it is important that you follow any specific guidance or instructions you are given. These will be explained in detail by your child's school and might include changes to the start and end of the day, and for those of you with younger children, changes to how you can drop off and collect them.

Schools will continue to teach children in distinct groups, or bubbles and it is important that you make sure your child understands what this means before the start of term. For the safety of all children, young people and staff, schools will expect that these arrangements are followed and will contact parents/carers if they have any concerns.

With all children and young people being expected to return to school, please also be aware that unless there are specific health issues in your family, no work will be sent home for children who are not in school.

We are conscious that this has been and continues to be an unsettling time for many of you but hope that, with your support, schools can quickly return to caring for and educating all of Dudley's children and young people.

Yours sincerely



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