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Dear parents/carers

Welcome back

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school and are excited to see them. The arrangements that will be in place at Saltford Primary to welcome all children back to school full time in September are the same as those we shared with you at the start of the holiday and are attached for your information. I would also remind you that the full Risk Assessment can be viewed on the trust website at www.wellswaymat.com. We would also like to share this leaflet, produced by the government for parents, which can be viewed [here](#) and would encourage you to visit www.gov.uk/backtoschool for information and practical guidance to help you plan for your child's return to school.

The situation regarding the wearing of face coverings has changed over recent weeks however and the government has issued new guidance to schools. The general advice is still that the government is not recommending face coverings are necessary in primary schools because the measures in place provide sufficient protection and they have the potential to impact negatively on learning. It is still the case that children over the age of 11 are required to wear a face covering on public or school transport. We will of course keep this situation under review and take immediate action should the situation change.

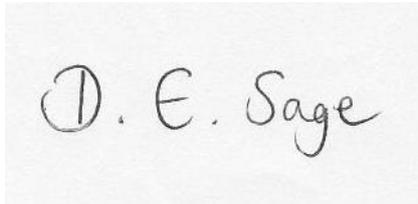
We do appreciate that many children and families will be anxious about the return to school. This is entirely understandable and we will do what we can to ensure that pupils have a positive start to the new school year. The planned induction sessions will help them to feel confident about the new routines and expectations that we have put in place for their safety. We also know that some children will have had a difficult time during the lockdown and we want to understand these circumstances so we can provide particular support for them. You should have received a questionnaire during the holiday that was sent to all parents/carers. It is designed to help us to assess each individual child's needs so we can provide whatever support he or she may require. I am re-sending the [link](#) and would urge you to fill in the questionnaire if you haven't done so already. We will use the responses to help us support each child's emotional needs as this will be an essential part of helping them to get back into learning.

The awarding of exam grades has been very tricky this summer but we are pleased to report that all our trust's secondary schools have done very well and in line with expectations. Teachers in our schools approached the task of determining the Centre Assessed Grades, submitted to the exam boards, with integrity and professionalism and each school's grades were moderated across the trust

to ensure accuracy. The results reflect the hard work of the students and their teachers and we are delighted with the outcomes. You can read more about the results in this [blog piece](#). We are looking forward to welcoming a record number of young people back into our Sixth Forms to continue their studies and are still recruiting for our post 16 courses in IKB, SBL and Wellsway schools.

We are all feeling a range of emotions as the start of the new school year approaches: excitement about being back, tinged with some anxiety. We are confident in our plans however, which worked well in term 6 last year, and we absolutely know it is the right course of action to get all children back into school. We look forward to welcoming your child back to school and to being together once again as a school community.

Yours faithfully,

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "D. E. Sage".

Dawn Sage
Headteacher

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "A Arlidge".

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Chief Executive

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