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Good afternoon all

I do hope you have managed to have a good break over the summer and have spent some time with your families and loved ones. The weather was certainly unbelievable for most of it, which was a blessing.

I know you will be delighted to have your children back into school. I know, from the Executive Team Meeting we had last Friday, that all of the staff and leaders certainly are. However, it also continues to be an anxious time for schools, parents and children alike. The children's and staff's mental health, wellbeing and safety are high priorities for the Trust.

I hope that the children have all had the sort of day that they were hoping for. Certainly the attendance across the Trust has been fantastic. Well done to all of you!

The Headteachers and I in particular, have been working tirelessly to ensure that robust precautions continue to be taken to assure safety and well being of pupils and staff. We have continued to follow the DfE guidance and to adapt as and when necessary. In fact, all of the latest updates have now been risk-assessed by leaders to reflect the latest guidance and expectations.

I am sure you will have seen through your child's school, but I also want to draw your attention to a communications pack that the DfE has created with materials to help school leaders inform and reassure parents who are preparing for their children's return to school.

The pack is available and includes posters and other resources available via the [Public Health England communications resources hub](#). It will be updated as and when more content becomes available. We are recommending that parents visit gov.uk/backtoschool for information and practical guidance to help them plan for their children's return to school.

It only remains for me to say how proud I am of each and every one of the staff and pupils – the way that they – and indeed you as parents - have continued to manage the evolving and constantly changing situation is applauded by me and all of the Trust Board. Thank you.

Best Wishes

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