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Dear Parents

It is official, the Grade 7 children will be permitted to return to school on the 1 June 2020. Preparation is currently underway in making the School ready in terms of COVID-19 Health and Safety regulations. A phased in approach for the remainder of the children has been proposed, at two weekly intervals. If Independent Schools are permitted to allow the children to return at their discretion, I would like to condense this process considerably. We will, however, only have confirmation of this at a later stage. For now, the proposed return is as follows:

Grade	Proposed date of return
Grade 6	Wednesday, 17 June
Grade 5	Monday, 29 June
Grade 4	Monday, 13 July
Grade 3	Monday, 27 July
Grade 2	Monday, 24 August
Grade 1	Monday, 7 September
Grade R	Monday, 21 September
Grade 00 and 0	Monday, 5 October

The survey indicated that 30% of our parents have opted to keep their children at home during this phased in approach. This is viable as we will continue to provide remote and contact learning during this time. If you indicated this in the survey, please could I ask that you send an email to Mrs Clarke confirming that you will be keeping your child or children at home. This assists us with our attendance registers.

When schools were asked to close on the 18 March 2020, we decided to take our August holiday then. This was to ensure that very little teaching time was lost and to date has worked successfully. The school calendar for the remainder of the year is as follows:

Mid-Term Break	Close: Friday, 5 June	Open: Wednesday, 17 June
End of Second Term	Close: 31 July	
Beginning of Third Term	Open: Monday, 24 August	Close: Friday, 4 December
Mid-Term Break (Third Term)	Close: Friday, 9 October	Open: Monday, 19 October

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

MRS B MARCON

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