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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted that we will be able to bring all of our students back in September on a full-time basis. I think the DfE guidance is workable and I am pleased that it recognises that schools operate in different circumstances, so the guidance can be adapted to different settings.

Please see the attached PowerPoint regarding the full reopening of school from September following the publishing of the Government's guidance on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Please note that some changes may still have to be made prior to September and we will update you as necessary over the summer including guidance on the wearing of face masks. We hope that the explanations are clear.

The attached PowerPoint goes into detail about how the school will operate. We feel confident that, as a school, we can welcome all students back in a safe way that will enable them to access a full education from September. We will keep our strategy under constant review.

I have summarised some of the key points below:

- Our strategy is based around creating year group 'bubbles' so as to limit the possibility of transmission between different pupils. All activities that involve mixing different year groups will be suspended.
- We will implement staggered starts and finishes to the school day.
- There will be staggered breaks and lunches for all year groups.
- We will introduce a one way system.
- Year 7 and 8 students will not move around the building for all lessons. To facilitate this, students will be taught in mixed attainment groups for all subjects.
- There will be an enhanced cleaning regime and a protocol around hygiene.
- When students have PE lessons they will attend school in PE kit and bring additional clothes to change into in the event of poor weather-more details will follow on this in September.

We look forward to seeing all students when we return to school in September. Should you have any questions/queries about our guidance do not hesitate to contact the school by emailing [achieve@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:achieve@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk) and a member of the senior leadership team will respond.

I will be writing again prior to the end of the week with a final end of term newsletter.

Warm wishes,

Mr Gilpin  
Headteacher

