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Dear Hackney School Pupil,

We hope this email finds you and your family well. It has been a very unusual time. We write as we look forward to schools beginning to open to all children again. We want to wish you the very best for the rest of this term, for the rest of the school year and beyond.

The last few weeks have been very challenging for everyone. Education has been disrupted, along with many other parts of everyone's lives: we are really proud of how you have dealt with this period. Working together we can all get education going again for every pupil while keeping case numbers heading downward.

We hope to have seen some of you at the session organised for young people on 4th March to ask questions you have about returning to school. The link is here:  
<http://bit.ly/3kHLOe9>.

In Hackney, the cases are now significantly lower than they have been and are dropping week by week. In addition the vaccination programme is very well underway and the capacity to vaccinate is increasing. This is a good situation for you to return to school. We hope and expect that the weeks and months ahead will bring a continued drop in the number of Covid 19 cases and a return to normality.

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There are a number of safety measures in place for you at school. These include the maintaining space, washing hands and keeping in bubbles rules from last term. In addition, there will be increased emphasis on ventilation and on testing for staff, as well as for pupils in secondary schools. In secondary schools also there are rules about mask wearing in class as well as in communal indoor areas.

Your teachers and other school staff are very much looking forward to welcoming you all back to school. We know you have been in touch via remote learning but being safely back altogether will be much better for everyone in terms of focus on learning and seeing each other. Do make sure you follow all the advice and guidance your teachers and other school staff give you.

You should continue to think about keeping space outside of school also. We are still in national lockdown: education has been prioritised as the most important area to get started up again but rules about gathering outside of school are still in force. If you can walk or cycle to school; if you do use public transport remember all the rules that apply.

For those of you who would have sat GCSE, A level, BTEC or other examinations this summer we know that there has been particular disruption. Your teachers will be telling you about what they will assess and how they will decide your centre assessed grades. Do keep up your focus on studying so that your full potential is on show in the adjusted assessments

We wish every one of you well with your return to learning at school.

Best wishes,



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