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Dear Parent /Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to update you about the wider opening of our schools. We have been very fortunate to continue to have such a willing team of staff who have been able to adapt and be flexible over this very difficult time.

We know that many of you have appreciated all the extra jobs that the staff have been doing from making and delivering food parcels; ringing families; delivering student workbooks; setting and making learning or being a listening ear.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to three new teachers to our Koinonia Federation family this term:

- Ms Whitbread joined us on 20th April as an EYFS teacher. She is based at our Peninsula campus and will lead our Nursery.
- Mr Osborne joined us on 20th April as a Religious Studies Teacher and Key Stage 3 R.S. Lead in the secondary phase.
- Miss Kwabi joined us on 1st June as the Founding Head of 6th Form. She is based at our Peninsula Campus, where she will be working on the all-important planning phase for our sixth form which is opening in September 2021.

Please join us in offering them all a warm welcome.

To date we have opened to the following groups of pupils:

Christ Church: Two thirds of Year 6 pupils have returned to school and are being taught in two bubbles. The *Hub* (Critical worker) children who were previously at Peninsula are now attending Christ Church and are split over two classes. Year one pupils start back today, being taught in two bubbles.

St Mary Magdalene Woolwich Campus: Just under half of Year 6 pupils have returned to school and are being taught in three bubbles. The *Hub* (Critical worker) children are split over two classes. Year one pupils start back today, being taught in up to four bubbles depending on numbers.

St Mary Magdalene Peninsula Campus Primary Phase: The *Hub* (Critical worker) children are split over two classes. Year one pupils start back today, being taught in up to four bubbles depending on numbers. (We currently do not have a Year 6 class at this campus.)

St Mary Magdalene Peninsula Campus Secondary Phase:

Students who are classified as being from Key worker families have been regularly attending school since the lockdown began. We have three different classes accommodating our students. Year 10 students will return from 15th June, with a quarter of Year 10 students being invited in each day so that by the end of the week, all students will have had the opportunity to attend. Please look out for a secondary specific letter from Mr R Hussain, outlining detailed plans for this return.

The primary campuses are aiming to have Reception and Nursery aged pupils return to school next week. Correspondence regarding this has been sent to parents in these year groups and confirmation of arrangements will follow later this week.

All campuses are closing to students by 1pm on a Friday to allow staff in school to have PPA time as well as the buildings to have an enhanced clean.

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As more students are returning to our schools, a Behaviour Annex for both the primary and secondary phases have been written and are on the website with the Behaviour policies. These take into account any changes to our usual practice as well as reinforcing our expectations for behaviour in school over the next few weeks.

Home learning remains important to the education of our students. You will have heard in the news that the government's hope for all primary age children to return to school before the end of this summer term will not be possible now. We will continue to set work for all year groups (including those year groups who have the option to return to school) but on a slightly reduced scale.

In the **primary phase** there will be significant changes to our current home learning offer due to the number of teachers who are now required to be in school and teach a bubble or hub. For this reason this is the last week that work will be set on One Note for our pupils. We have allocated the setting of work to a Home Learning Co-ordinator (there will be one of these per year group across our campuses) and they will set a Maths and English activity per day for each year group using Purple Mash or Education City.

In addition to the work set we recommend parents use the Oak National Academy website to supplement the English and Maths work if they wish. We would also recommend each child follows the Foundation lesson for the day which covers a wide range of subjects from the Humanities to the Arts. To access this website please go to: <https://www.thenational.academy>. Please select the 'Classroom' resources, then Find Lessons. This will take you to a page where you can select your child's year group. You then need to click on 'schedule' where you will be able to select the week and day to view the lessons. We would also recommend children watch the BBC Bitesize lessons for their year group on the BBC iplayer.

Unfortunately, due to staff capacity Home Learning Co-ordinators will not be able to respond or make comments on all the work set (some of our year groups have up to 150 pupils!). They will endeavour to make at least one comment or mark one piece of work a week but of course they will try to do more if possible.

Our staff team will now struggle to make phone calls as frequently as they have been doing due to the majority of their time now being spent in classrooms with children or on carrying out school-based duties. For this reason, we are reviewing our 'phone calls home' system and it is likely that these will only be able to be made every three weeks to check on those children are not attending school.

We understand many of you will be concerned about the learning your children have missed this year and what the implications are for next year. Our school teams are beginning to think about how we can best organise our classes and the curriculum for the start of the new academic year with a view to compensate for any loss in learning as far as is possible. As we are sure you can appreciate this is a complex task and we will share plans about September once we know more from the government and are given clear guidelines on the future.

It has been wonderful to see more and more children back in our schools over the last few weeks and we look forward to welcoming back more as soon as possible. As always, we would like to thank you for your patience and understanding during this era of the pandemic. Our prayers continue for you and your family to stay safe and well.

Kind regards,

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