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Dear parent/carer,

Yesterday, we were delighted to welcome back twenty-three of our twenty-nine Year Six robins. This means that 84% of the children currently at Newchurch will have had the opportunity to return to school, either as part of the scheduled phased return or through the well-being days. This is a massive achievement and one we are very proud of as, although not all children have chosen to come back, we can boast that we have given 100% of our children the opportunity to come into school before September – something we never thought was possible.

Through the media coverage last week, you may be aware that schools will be fully open as of September. Schools received the guidance on Thursday and we are currently working through it to formulate our plans for the start of the new academic year. It is hoped that we will be able to share these with you (alongside the risk assessment) before the end of term – 17th July. However, as we already know that since the school closure there has been an ever changing landscape for schools, please be prepared for communication throughout August should the guidance change during the summer holidays.

With the return to school, it has been made very clear that parents **must** send their children to school and that normal attendance is expected. During the phased return, parents have been given the option to send their children back to school without any penalisation. In September, this will not be the case.

As you are aware, we relaxed the dress code for school for the summer term but we will expect the children to return in September proudly wearing their school uniform. Parents of children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals, or are pupil premium children, will be given their voucher for the next academic year when they come to collect their child's report, or it will be given to their child on 10th July if they are in school. If you think that you may be eligible for free school meals, please see the letter on the home page on the school website for the details to see if you are entitled and what steps to take.

We are pleased to also be able to provide wrap-around care for those parents needing to have childcare outside of school hours; however, this will need to look a little differently following the guidance we have received. Again, we aim to communicate this to you prior to the close of the academic year.

We are sure you have lots of questions regarding what school will look like in September and also how we intend to support your child academically, socially and emotionally when they return to school in



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September. Please can we ask that you bear with us whilst we consider every aspect of what September will bring for our school community and feel reassured that we will do the very best for everyone.

With kindest regards,



Mrs J Narraway

Head Teacher



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