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Dear Parent /Carer

Please share this letter with your child.

I hope that you have managed to have a good holiday and that our young people are excited about coming back to school. We are all looking forward to welcoming everyone to The James Young High School soon.

You will be aware from the West Lothian Council Groupcall you received on Thursday 30th July that there will be a phased return to school from Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th August before all pupils are in school fully from Friday 14th August. This message, can be seen here: <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/back-t> Essentially it is as follows:



We are so proud of all of our young people and how they have handled this crisis so far. When preparing for the reopening of our school, the wellbeing of our young people and staff has been our central focus. It is important to highlight that we do not expect the return to school in August to be a return to normality. We must remain vigilant and continue to manage the risks of COVID-19. Our young people will have a critical role and a critical responsibility within this and I know they will all step up to the mark and do what is required of them as they return to keep all of us safe.

Our school has been individually risk assessed and we are following the Scottish Government guidance for a safe return to school, which has taken full account of the scientific and public health advice. We have made some changes to the way we will be doing things as a result of this advice and below you will find a link to all of the important information that young people need to know before they come back to our school building.

What young people need to know about coming back to school: <https://sway.office.com/z0Be7Txgr1327834?ref=Link>

We do understand that many of our young people might be feeling worried about coming back - this is completely understandable and we will support everyone in every way that we can to make this transition back to school as easy as possible.

Warmest Regards

Tricia Gallagher

Head Teacher

