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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. As we approach the end of this extraordinary academic year, we are already looking forward to welcoming everyone back into school next term. You will have taken note of my references to 'community', since I arrived at the Academy in September 2018, and sadly for too long now we have not been able to be together.

I thought it important to update you on the work we are doing to ensure we re-open safely for all our students and staff at Corby Business Academy next term.

The main stages of this work can be seen below:

## Actions we are taking before the end of term

- ✓ Completing a risk assessment for full reopening which addresses all the points in the latest government and Public Health England guidance for schools
- ✓ Developing a re-opening plan where all risks are mitigated as far as possible and beginning consultation on the draft plan with our staff

## Actions during the summer holiday

- ✓ Completing consultation with staff, governors and unions
- ✓ Getting formal approval for our re-opening plans from the Brooke Weston Trust board
- ✓ Publishing information to you and your child(ren) about the reopening of Corby Business Academy and how you can help us to get off to a good start. We intend to send this information to you in the <u>week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> August</u> - waiting until then means we can respond to any further changes in the guidance in the days ahead

Furthermore, I'd also like to inform you about the excellent work that has been undertaken to prepare a high-quality curriculum for next year and, especially, the kinds of things we will be doing to help all our students 'catch up' where required. We will be ensuring that our Personal Development curriculum is designed to address the needs of students upon reopening, as well as support a positive return to studies. Subjects are already planning how to support students academically, with a curriculum that quickly establishes gaps in knowledge and subsequently addresses the learning priorities. We will also be ensuring that our additional resources and learning aids are accessible, clearly signposted and maximise educational provision.

Staff training, collaboration and processes have already been addressing the areas above. This will remain a priority over the summer holidays and through to our first two training days of the 2020-21 academic year.

Finally, if you have any questions about the content of this letter please do contact me at:

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Yours sincerely

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