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Dear Parent or Carer

You will be aware that the government has announced its intention for all students in England to return to school full-time in September. We are concerned about the potential impact that this period of school closure will have had on students' learning and we want to hit the ground running in September with outstanding teaching and well-planned catch-up activities.

We would normally start a new academic year with at least one in service training (INSET) day, which is used to update staff on important school procedures and policies, such as safeguarding, as well as time dedicated for the development of teaching and learning. This development time is vital, especially as we drive towards outstanding provision, and the recent period of school closure has meant staff have not been in school to receive training. We currently have an INSET day calendared for **Tuesday 1 September 2020**.

We intend to change the arrangements for the forthcoming academic year. We are going to:

- close the school to all students on **Thursday 16 July 2020** and **Friday 17 July 2020** to complete our teacher development training;
- invite our new year 7 cohort into school on **Tuesday 1 September 2020** to complete their transition day;
- have all students return to a normal school timetable from Period 1 on **Wednesday 2 September 2020**.

The school has been closed to almost all students for the entire summer term, and we believe it is sensible to get ready for the new academic year while the school is closed in order to make an immediate start in September.

Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus pandemic our new cohort of year 7 students have not been able to visit Bridgnorth Endowed School for a transition day. By completing our teacher training before the summer holiday, we can use the calendared teacher training day in September as a transition day for our new year 7 cohort. This would mean year 7 have an entire day to settle in.

It has been an extremely challenging time for us all, and I am very grateful for the support that the school has received from our community. Despite the recent difficulties, I am incredibly excited about the new academic year ahead and by getting organised before the summer holidays we will avoid any delay to welcoming back our young people in September.

Yours faithfully



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