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Dear Year 7 Parents

I am writing to thank you for such a great start to the new academic year. I am really pleased with how the new Year 7 have adapted to life in the Academy, especially after 5 months out of education and such disruption to Year 6.

We are really pleased we were able to give Year 7 sole access to the building on Wednesday 2nd September and virtually sole access on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September. I really hope you can see we were trying to give them the transition experience they missed, as we were not able to offer a Year 6 transition day and evening.

Following guidance from the Government we have had to create bubbles for students so this has not been a normal start for Year 7. In turn, as we need to keep students apart from different year groups, I have had to create a temporary food serving area for Year 7. Each year the queues are large and slow as Year 7 get used to our systems. This year has been no different. Please be assured the queues do speed up and already have done. We will make sure all students are served at lunchtime so please do not worry. In addition, I am unable to offer Year 7 our normal catering accommodation. I appreciate some parents are concerned about this but we really cannot solve this given the government guidance. However, we have already altered our arrangements and have opened some classrooms for students to sit and eat lunch on wet days. On dry days students have seating outside to eat, so they will need a warm coat for lunchtime. I appreciate this is not ideal, but like many other schools we have to operate in this way. Please be assured we will allow students to come onto the corridor or to designated classrooms to eat lunch if it is wet weather. We are hoping the government restrictions will soon be lifted but we do not know when this will be. I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding on this.

Finally, can I ask that you please purchase a washable mask for your son/daughter to use in the Academy. Whilst we have a small supply of disposable face masks we cannot keep supplying masks to students unless they have genuinely forgotten.

I hope your son/daughter has enjoyed their start and even under these unprecedented conditions it has been good see students smiling as they leave the academy each day.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Quirk'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a long, sweeping underline.

Phill Quirk
Headteacher