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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to let you know about our plans to safely welcome children and young people back to schools in September, when it becomes mandatory for all pupils to attend again.

For most parents and children the return to school will be very welcome news, but understandably you may have some reservations. I want to assure you that the safety of school staff, children and their families remains our top priority.

Many of you will have already had first-hand experience of the incredible job that our schools and settings have done to safely welcome back children in Early Years, Reception, Year 1, Year 6, Year 10 and Year 12, who have been enjoying school again since 1 June.

As we look forward to welcoming all pupils back, each of our schools and settings are undertaking their own detailed risk assessment to make sure they have everything in place to make them as safe as possible. The council and public health officials are supporting them in this planning and double checking their assessments so they can carefully plan for a full return in September

Schools and settings are clearly the best place for children and young people to learn and also crucial for their overall development and wellbeing, which is why it is so important that everyone returns safely back into school as soon as possible. Our schools and settings are planning to deliver a rich curriculum to positively support re-engagement with learning, building confidence and make sure our kids get back on track.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we will be offering a range of safe, high quality activities for children and young people during the summer break and will continue to provide online learning resources, to help get ready for next term. Look out for your summer edition of Islington Life for all the details and visit www.islington.gov.uk/summeroverfive to sign-up for our weekly e-bulletin to stay-updated throughout the summer holidays. In readiness for the start of the new school year, please remember to [apply for free school meals](#) if you haven't done so already.

Islington schools and settings are a great place for your children to be and we look forward to welcoming them all back in September.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Richard Watts'.

Cllr Richard Watts
Leader of Islington Council