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Dear King Athelstan Pupils,

Returning to school

We are really excited that the government have announced that in September we can all return to school. It will be a little bit different to normal but it will be fantastic to all be back together again. We can't wait to see you!

If you have been here during lockdown, the school will look similar. If you have not been in school, you will notice that there are arrows on the floor to help everyone know where to walk and there are signs to help everyone remember the rules.

When we come back to school, you will be in your new classes with your new teachers. Lots of you have met them on Zoom and we have sent a letter with photographs of your teachers to your parents and carers. The letter is also on the school website. In classrooms from Years 2- 6 the tables will be facing the front, not in groups as we normally have them. This will reduce the spread of germs. Everyone will have their own named resources pack to use.

Most children will be eating packed lunch in their classrooms. Reception will be eating in the big hall and Year 1 in the small hall. You will be playing outside with children from your year group. Your playtimes will be different to other year groups' playtimes. We also won't have assembly as a whole school but we will sometimes do year group assemblies.

The KS2 playground project is coming on really well. By the time we are back to school, we should be able to use it. If you walk down Swan Path, the alleyway at the side of the school, you will see it developing. I've attached some photos to this letter, too. It's so exciting! The enormous tee-pee is in and the climbing equipment has arrived and is being put into the ground. There is a large mound that will be covered in artificial grass and a 190m long running track going around the edge of the playground so that you can complete a whole mile if you like (8.5 laps)! We will not have completed the pond area and growing area but we are fundraising to get these finalised. Sadly, we will be taking down the KS1 climbing frame in the summer as it is very old. As you know, we have an amazing plan for the KS1 playground. We will start raising money for this as soon as possible, so that we can make it as amazing as KS2.

Have a great summer break, and all the staff look forward to seeing you on 7th September.

Miss Newton
Headteacher

