

Dear Parents and Guardians,

New (and very full) Government Guidelines for September came out two days ago. The Core Management Team briefly discussed these yesterday, but we will meet at length to work our way through them on Monday. In short, the guidelines are extremely helpful and provide a very positive framework for a safe return in September; and I will update you as we make Bedford School decisions within those parameters.

If you live overseas, you may already know that the Government produced yesterday an initial list of countries whose travellers will now not need to quarantine upon arrival in the UK. The Government has stated that [this list](#) may be added to in the coming days.

I will write again to families who live overseas in the coming days, as we make careful plans for the safe return of your boys.

For now, my message is one of thanks. Thank you to you all for your support and encouragement this term under such difficult circumstances – we at (virtual!) school have been buoyed by it and your positivity has helped us to build a very full programme despite all the challenges. If you take no other link below, please do try the Upper School [Final assembly](#) (written version) – it reads almost as if the school never closed (and the Prep has been just as busy). Thank you, too, on that note (and if you do not mind my using this letter in the absence of a more public forum), to all the staff, teaching and non-teaching, who have kept going so determinedly and in ever more creative fashion to produce such a richly diverse programme; and to our Governors, who continue to guide us so well through tricky waters.

I offer a few links, some retrospective, for your ease of use to round off the term:

[Final Assembly \(US\) \(edited spoken version\):](#)

[Final Assembly \(US\) \(full written version\)](#)

[Final Assembly \(PS\)](#)

[End of Term concert](#)

[Speech Day \(US\)](#)

[Speech Day \(PS\)](#)

[Captain Tom Video](#)

I wish you, as ever, happiness and good health; though I strongly suspect that I will not be signing off for long...

With kind regards,



James Hodgson

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