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Dear Parents/Carers,

You will be pleased that the frequency of my communications has ebbed this year as Covid has retreated (although as I write, it seems the number of cases are picking up a little as we approach the summer holiday). However, please look out for a separate email tomorrow that will provide important, practical **information about arrangements for some specific days** before the end of the year and at the start of the new school year in September.

Thank you for your support in improving **attendance and punctuality** as mentioned in my last letter and outlined by the Attendance Office more recently. We will continue to push hard to ensure that we return to pre-pandemic levels on our return in September.

Road safety outside the school is a theme, unfortunately, that I have to return to regularly. With recent induction days for our new years 7 and 12 and with occasional day trips both from BGS and from Danson Primary School involving coaches on Danson Lane, traffic has been congested sometimes. Earlier this week an ambulance was called for a child at Danson Primary after an accident as she was dropped off outside the school by car. It is a reminder that, if you have to travel by car, **dropping your children off well away from the school gates remains the safest option**. This will be especially important in September as new parents adjust to our setting. As ever, thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe.

On a more cheery note, those of you who have joined us for our musical production of "**Little Shop of Horrors**" have been as full of superlatives as I was last night. Mr Spall (former pupil, teacher and now data manager) has been involved with, filmed and/or seen every BGS production in nearly half a century. He said to me this morning, "I have seen nothing better in 48 years of BGS musicals." I understand that there **may still be a few tickets on the door for tonight** (Thursday) if you would like near West End entertainment from 7pm to 9pm.

And finally, **huge congratulations to year 13 students, their teachers and their parents, for a record-breaking set of IB results!** The culmination of all our work over 7 years with students, more poignant than ever this year against the backdrop of disruption from the pandemic, deserves heartfelt celebration. Please see our [news item](#) on these brilliant results.

Best wishes,