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Dear Parent or Guardian.

Welcome back to the new school year. We are committed to continue with the rigorous education of our students even under these difficult times.

I am writing to inform you about a new school policy. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in order to ensure the safety of our staff and all our students, we are requiring that all students install a tracing application (app) on their phones before being allowed back in the school building. All staff in our school will also be required to install the app.

The purpose of the app is to be able to reproduce the movements of any person who tests positive at any point during the school year.

I imagine some of you may be worried about privacy, and we understand this. We can assure you that the data will be kept private and will only be used if necessary and only by the person in the COVID-19 response team in charge of the tracing, Hegal Martinez. He will be required to sign a privacy agreement with you in case we need to use your child's app data. You will first be notified of the situation; an agreement will be signed, and only the people involved would be addressed. No one would be told your child's name or any identifying details, just that they may have been exposed and need to be tested. By the NYC Department of Education (DOE) current rules, tests are completed randomly every month, and if someone tests positive, that whole class will be quarantined. No one outside the school's COVID-19 response team will even know who was sick, just that they may have been exposed.

We are available to answer any questions. Students, and any persons entering the school building, will be required to show the app on their phones every day as they enter the school building. Anonymous daily checks will be completed to ensure the apps are active and working as intended. Further actions will be taken if necessary.

Yours truly,

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