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Welcome back everyone!

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school this week. All children are looking very smart in their new school uniforms and everyone has settled straight back into our school routine well. We are really enjoying being back together again after a lovely summer holiday. Please find some information and reminders below to help keep our school running smoothly.

Uniform.

A reminder that school uniform, including the correct school shoes and PE kit should be worn. We have a display in our school entrance and there is information on our school website to help you with what is expected. The weather is so changeable at the moment so please make sure your child comes prepared with a jacket, water bottle etc.

PE.

Class teachers will inform you on which day of the day your child's PE will take place. They will then be able to come to school in their PE kit. This saves time on changing and limits the amount of lost property! Please remember to label your child's uniform so that we may return it if it gets lost!

School Office.

Our school office/reception area is quite small, so we continue to limit numbers in this area. If you are able to ring with your query, please do so. If you need to visit the office, please understand that you may be asked to wait outside until someone is able to assist you. Mrs Smith has joined our admin team and will be working in the school office Thursday's and Fridays.

School dinners.

School dinners continue to be eaten in classrooms at present, with full choice of school menu. Please send your child's dinner choice back to the school office as soon as possible in order to help us manage this. The dining hall will be used on a timetabled basis as the term progresses.

Speaking to class teachers.

We understand that there will be times you may need to speak to your child's class teacher. Drop-offs and pick-ups can be a very busy time, and a time where we are trying to ensure children are handed over safely. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please telephone the school office who will pass your message on. Staff will ring back as soon as they are able and are not teaching.

Covid Information.

As you will be aware the guidelines with regard to Covid have changed during the summer holidays. Anyone with a high temperature, new continuous cough and/or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste, must self-isolate immediately and access a PCR test.

Those under the age of 18 do not need to self-isolate if anyone in their household tests positive or they are a close contact of a positive case. This also means that siblings of a child showing symptoms/testing positive will no longer need to be sent home to isolate and can still attend school. Pupils and adults should follow public health advice.

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Keeping everyone safe!

We are mostly remaining in year group bubbles where possible at present. This is something we have chosen to do to help keep everyone safe until the term is underway and we can see how things progress. We have our full curriculum in place, and are hoping to begin with school visits and visitors shortly to help enhance learning experience.

All children will be asked to wash/sanitise their hands regularly throughout the school day. Additional cleaning will continue to take place across the school day.

We are maintaining our one-way system for drop offs and pick-ups, keeping all children and adults moving in the same direction across the school site. We understand this can cause queues when collecting some of our younger children and appreciate your patience with this as staff get to know their new pupils and parents. This is something we are monitoring and will make changes to if necessary.

The year ahead.

As usual, we will keep all of the above under review in order to keep everyone in school safe.

We are looking forward to the term ahead and have our fingers crossed for an interrupted and relatively normal school year! Thank you for your continued support and understanding,

C. McDermott

Mrs McDermott
Head teacher