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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to have all of our children back in school this week. They have returned with great enthusiasm and have settled into new routines with their new teachers quickly and sensibly which has been great to see. Our new school rules, 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' have been clear to see and I would like to thank you all for helping your children (and the school) with this expectation following my letter to you last Friday.

I'd also like to welcome our new Reception children and their families who have started this week. It was lovely to see their first days in Reception and to see how well they managed at lunchtime today. They are a fabulous group and we are really looking forward to getting to know them better in the days and weeks ahead.

We have had a much more 'normal' school week with many of our routines returning to how they were before the pandemic. The staff have been able to manage their learning environments more creatively to respond to the needs of the children and we can already see the benefit of this. Children have also been able to play with their friends from other classes and they have returned to having lunches in the main hall which has meant their experience in school has been much more sociable than before. The children and staff have had more opportunities to be able to talk to each other around school, which has been lovely, and it also enables us to work better together as a school community to develop positive relationships.

Most of the new systems have worked really well this week but we will be reviewing this as a staff on Monday to see if we can make things even better. I will write to you early next week if there are any adjustments to make.

I started the week with an assembly in KS1 and KS2 and ended the week with a visit to every class today. I have been so impressed with the work they have already done and the very positive start they have made to the new school year. Our newsletter will start again next week and I am looking forward to showcasing the many talents and achievements of all our children with you in the weeks ahead.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Mitchell (Head Teacher)

