



Dear Parents and carers,

It has been so lovely to have all the children back in school. The start of this term is one in which I am immensely proud of our students; they have been overwhelmingly positive and the school itself has felt clam and happy as we all settle back into school life. The children have returned excited to be with staff and each other again. Despite the fact there are a few restrictions in place to keep everyone safe, they have adapted brilliantly.

Over the last few months we have been preparing for the wider school re-opening. It has been very important for us to focus on enhancing the school environment so that children could look forward to coming back into a positive, inspiring and welcoming environment. The aim of the new reading room is to provide a relaxing and calming space for reading or phonics sessions to promote the love of life long reading but also to provide a calming safe space for TIS or play therapy sessions. The swimming pool was designed and painted by our caretaker, Nigel Westwood. The children love spotting all of the different sea creatures and this has already been an inspiration for some creative writing! This space also provides an escape into another world within the warm waters of the hydrotherapy pool.

During the autumn term, we will undoubtedly experience the usual seasonal colds and viruses- however, during the current climate this might result in children and families being advised to isolate due to a continuous cough/ elevated temperature/loss of taste or smell. In this instance, the school will advise you to call 111 to seek medical advice. You can find out more here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

If you are advised to take a test, this can be accessed by either dialling 119 or by booking online at:

www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test

During this time and if your child is well and can access learning, the school website has been updated to provide remote learning for your child. Please access the remote learning tab or your child's class page. We can also send work home if this is more convenient and there will be opportunities to access remote sessions. Your child's teacher will make contact with you to find the most appropriate method of remote learning; we want to ensure that your child continues to access learning and feels part of the class community during their absence.

We appreciate what a worrying time this is for parents at the moment and would like to remind you to contact school to discuss any concerns or would like any support. There will always be someone available to talk.

Best wishes,

Ruth Carpenter