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Dear Parents

I hope you continue to keep well and are enjoying a happy and healthy Summer break. I was due to go to Spain but cancelled this and spent a few days in Boscombe with my family and we had a lovely time. I realised that the simple things such as sand and the sea for the children can make them as happy as anything else. My daughters have already become accustomed to the new way of living by reminding me when we enter shops to hand sanitise. It is incredible how adaptable they can be and particularly for my youngest not to take any notice of mummy wearing a mask these days.

I wanted to write to you as we draw closer to the full re-opening of school, for all pupils on Wednesday 2nd September. There will undoubtedly be a range of different feelings for you as parents and for your children about the return to school. This is totally understandable and as the media ramps up its discussions about what this return may look like, I felt it would be helpful to share a few words with you all.

Firstly and most importantly, on behalf of all the staff, I want to say that we cannot wait to welcome all the children back to school. We have missed them greatly and look forward with enthusiasm and drive to make this year a real success for all. We are in no denial about the challenges we may all face as a community an individually but if we work together with a positive mind-set, particularly in front of the children, I pray we will get through this difficult time.

We have planned as much as possible to be fully prepared for the start of school next week and yet we are also very aware that this may be tricky for some pupils. I hope that you found all of the information in the final few days of school helpful to assure you that we are doing everything we can to make the transition as smooth as possible. I have attached these documents again for you to look over. I would suggest that in this final week that you begin mentally preparing your child, sharing what an exciting and positive move it will be to return to school. Please remind them that all the staff are there on hand to help with whatever they need and we will respond to their needs as they arise. I am very proud to work with such a dedicated group of people who have been working over the summer to prepare rooms and plan for the start of term.

The school has had a thorough deep clean and the high levels of cleaning will continue. Tables are cleaned every lunchtime, new hand washing stations are currently being put around the school and hand sanitisers are readily available in every classroom and around the school. If you child has their own individual sanitiser, they are very welcome to have them with them. As per the information booklet, we have staggered timings for the start and end of the day as well as zones for playtime and individual 'bubble' play equipment.

The initial week and half will be largely dedicated to the well-being of pupils and an opportunity for teachers to gauge the needs of the pupils and adapt accordingly.

Communication remains a key factor in the success for all so please do let us know anything that you feel is pertinent for us to know and this will work both ways. The staff are here to support your child and work with you. Staff will not be accessing their emails until the start of the term so that they are fully rested so please be mindful of this.

First day

See attached the staggered timings and I would ask that you stick to these times and leave the gates as quickly as possible to avoid congestion. For the first day, all class teachers will be on the playground ready to greet their new class.

New Year 1 Pupils

For the first three days, I will be allowing parents to bring their child into the playground if you feel your child would need this extra support. I would then ask that you move to the field until all entrances are quiet before leaving.

I hope you can appreciate that the first few days will be a learning curve for all but if we think about safety then we can only do our very best. I will be visible to identify if we need to change plans as we need to be flexible at all times. The drop off zone will be re-opened now but please remember that parents will need to leave the premises as quickly as possible.

For the first three days, the teachers will be wholly focusing on their time with their new classes and therefore no PE will start until the following week. A reminder that PE kit should be worn into school on those days. Your class teacher will have shared this with you.

Lunches

Much more detail is in the booklet but if your child is having their own lunch, they may have a lunchbox as usual.

You will have received a letter last week about the new online system for ordering lunches. Please ensure you have selected lunches for your child in advance.

I continue to work with the academy and follow all Government guidance. My door is always open for you and will continue to work with you and your family to best support you all.

I look forward with enthusiasm and hope for a successful, happy and healthy academic year.

With very best wishes,
God Bless,

Mrs Murphy



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