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Dear Parents,

I wanted to write to you all as we end our first few days back at school.

On the whole, the children have coped exceptionally well and we are so proud of them all. I would also like to thank you all for your patience and the preparations you will have made to help the smooth re-introduction for some many of them.

Every class this morning will have taken part in the 'start of the year' mass that would normally take place at the church. We are all getting use to and trying out new ways to keep routines and celebrations for the children. Please ask your child about what they did during the class mass.

As we come to the end of the first few days, I wanted to share how things are going.

- **Outside hand washing facilities**

We now have new sets of outside hand washing stations so that we can get through more handwashing more frequently. The children seem to have enjoyed the novelty of this (**see photos on the school website next week**).

- The staggered timings, so far, have been adhered to by the majority which I am so grateful to you all for. The start and end of days will get even smoother as the days and weeks pass I am sure. I am extremely grateful for your flexibility whilst we find our feet.
- Our youngest members of the school have come in with smiles and have been enjoying having the opportunity to continue the EYFS curriculum. The EYFS staff have and will continue to pop in regularly to support both the children and colleagues with planning.
- The children are becoming increasingly confident with the new norms such as social distancing, regular handwashing and the phrase, 'Catch it, bin, kill it'.

- **Scopay- online lunch orders**

Most parents have logged onto SCOPAY to order online lunches for their children. Please continue to choose your child's meal as much in advance as you can so that the office are not having to call to remind parents. I will be reviewing the cold deli bags with a view to transferring to hot deli bags after half term. All parents, regardless of their child's year group, should use SCOPAY for ordering lunches.

- The new Reception children will begin their play and stay sessions next week and we look forward to welcoming them and the new families to the school.
- **The E-schools learning platform**
This platform was instrumental in the online learning when school was partly closed and will be used increasingly moving forward. The login and passwords will remain the same for your child and I would like to stress that it is vital that this forum is used by yourselves and your child. The staff will be uploading information related to class, homework, projects and photos of learning. We are awaiting a start point to use this as new systems were put in over the summer. I will let you know when everything is up and running.
- **Homework**
This will start from next week and the E-schools platform will be the key area to find details about what to do.
- **Meet the Teacher**
Next week, it would have ordinarily been the 'Meet the Teacher' evenings (dates on the school calendar). This information will be uploaded onto the class page by 1.00pm on that day. We appreciate that you will not be able to ask questions directly and therefore can email the teacher queries and they will add all responses onto the page the following week. If E-Schools is not up and running by that date, information will be emailed to you through the office.
- **Curriculum Letters**
These will come out to you today and will give you more detail about what the year will look like for your child.
- **Updates on the school website**
Please keep an eye on the 'COVID-19 section' of the website where any new amendments will be placed. There will be the latest Government guidance, risk assessments and documents to support the school.
- **PE Days**
Children are to come to school wearing their PE kits on the days they have PE and will remain in this for the whole day. As the weather becomes cooler, dark jogging bottoms can be worn over school shorts and please provide plimsolls for indoors and trainers (preferably black) for outside.

Year Groups PE Days

Reception - Thursday
Year 1 - Thursday
Year 2 - Wednesday

Year 3 - Wednesday
Year 4 - Monday
Year 5 - Monday
Year 6 - Friday

We had a thorough update on safeguarding training for all staff this week and a special thanks to Mrs Simpson for this.

I look forward to working with you all over the coming months and year. A reminder that if you have a query, please email the class teacher and they will respond as quickly as they possibly can. My door is always open and I am happy to discuss face to face any concerns you have, once you have spoken to the class teacher.

My very best wishes to you all and I continue to pray for the entire community, but most importantly our precious children.

God Bless,



Mrs Murphy
Acting Head Teacher



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