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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to another school year! I hope you enjoyed a lovely summer break and were able to spend quality time together. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school this week and to see so many happy faces. They have settled quickly into their new classes and have returned positive and full of enthusiasm.

We have welcomed a number of new staff into school this year; Mrs Clements (SENCo), Mrs Snook (Teacher supporting KS2), Mrs Elia (Learning Support Assistant) and Mrs Brandon (Catering Assistant). We also welcome Mr Finch as our PE Sports Coach.

You will have received key information from your child's class teacher so that you are aware of what they will be learning across the half term and already, some of the classes have experienced workshops to excite and engage them in their new topic. We look forward to seeing the work the children complete at home from their homework 'sweetie' sheet. This always looks lovely on display in the classroom. You will also have received information about your child's PE and Forest Schools days. As we did last year, your child should come to school dressed in their PE or Forest Schools kit.

Thank you to you all for adhering to our new school routines. As I shared with you at the end of July, we no longer need to keep children in class 'bubbles'. It has been wonderful to see all of the children outside together during playtimes and eating together in the hall at lunchtimes. We no longer need staggered start and end times so gates are now open at 8.40am and close at 8.55am. School finishes, for everyone, at 3.15pm. Next week, you will receive information about after school and lunchtime clubs. We are happy to be in a position where we are able to invite volunteers back into school this year. Please look out for more information in our newsletters.

Can I remind you that our school uniform policy is available on the school website and ask that you support us by ensuring your child is appropriately dressed. Children in Key Stage 2 should wear a school tie with their shirt, if they have a top button. Girls blouses with a revere collar are the exception. You are able to purchase school ties from the school office. Trainers are not permitted, school shoes only. Please ensure that all uniform is labelled with your child's name. It is only the first week back and we already have lost property with no names in them. We will be contacting parents where the school uniform policy is not adhered to.

Please continue to ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school with them every day to keep them hydrated. Where a child brings a snack for playtime, please ensure this is a healthy snack such as fruit or cereal bar. Crisps, cakes and chocolate bars are not a healthy snack and the children will be asked to leave them in their bag to be returned home should they bring them outside at playtime. Those children that are now in Year 3 need to bring a mid-day snack.

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To update you with more recent Government guidance, from Monday 16th August, children under the age of 18 years old are no longer required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case, they will only need to self-isolate if they have COVID-19 symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test result, obtained through either a PCR or Lateral Flow Test. If your child has any of the main COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste), they should not attend school and should stay at home. You should arrange for them to get a PCR test and provide us with evidence of the test results. Your child should not attend school while you are waiting for test results, even if they are feeling better. If the test is negative, they can return to school as normal. If they test positive, they should continue to isolate and follow public health advice. Children who are self-isolating will have access to remote learning which will be issued by the class teacher. The school will no longer be responsible for identifying close contacts, this will be carried out solely via NHS Test and Trace.

The health and safety of our pupils and staff, throughout the pandemic, has always been our priority and we continue to encourage good hygiene including regular hand-washing and use of hand sanitiser throughout the school day. We will continue to be led by Government guidance and should measures be required to change in the future, we will of course keep you updated.

On behalf of all of the staff, we look forward to working with you and your child/ren this year during what will hopefully be a more settled year for us all.

Yours sincerely

Lyndsey Wood
Headteacher