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Dear Parents/Carers,

Although we have been faced with many challenges this week, it has also been fantastic to finally be able to work with our Newhall Reception children. They all look incredibly smart in their new uniform and we have been very impressed with how well labelled everything is – thank you! The children have also come to school ready and keen to learn.



It has been a pleasure to watch them as they settle into their classes and build new friendships, something that I would not normally get the opportunity to see. I have been impressed with how well the children have coped with the unusual setting that they have found themselves in and how well they have adapted to the new routines.

Over the first two days, the children were able to explore the different areas of learning and they were able to build lego, make playdough models, create boxes and shapes with giant K'Nex, mark make in different ways, role play using a variety of costumes and draw using different media.

Gradually, we have introduced more focused tasks and children have had the opportunity to talk about and draw their family, paint in the style of Kandinsky and draw their own self-portrait. We have been able to work with the children individually, to get to know them and their interests a little better.

The children have also played games outside, including 'What Time Is It Mr Wolf?', listened to stories and sang songs.

The children have shown us how well they can play together and concentrate on tasks. We are looking forward to settling into further focused learning next week, once we are in the main school building.



As a new school, we have tried to share all of our routines and systems with you, but as with anything new, there are bound to be lots of questions. I thought it might be useful to outline a few below:

What drinks can my child bring into school?

Children should only bring water into school.

Does my child have to bring their PE kit into school everyday?

PE kits would usually be left in school for a half term and then be taken home to wash.

What do I do if my child has dietary needs?

We will aim to cater for all dietary needs.

What do I do if I want somebody else to pick up my child at the end of the day?

Please let the school office know, preferably in writing (email is fine), if somebody else will be collecting your child. As long as we have met the adult (for example, from dropping off or they are another parent), that will be sufficient. If the person is not known to adults in school, then we will ask you to provide us with another way of identifying them (eg. password). If somebody comes to collect your child and we have not been informed, then we will contact you to confirm.

Next Week

From Monday we will be in the main school building. Any child attending Breakfast Club should be brought to the main entrance and a member of staff will collect them and take them to the school hall for their breakfast and organised activities. This will be led by Mr Morris and Miss Gibbs, our Extended Schools Team.

All other children should be brought to the main entrance of the school between 8.40am and 8.50am, and parents and children will be directed through to the school hall. Children will be collected by the class teachers and taken down to their new classrooms. They will be given a tour of the school during the school day.

At the end of the day, you are invited to come in from 3pm and collect your child. Your child can then take you for a tour of their new school. There will be further tours organised after the Parent Forum on Thursday at 7pm.

On Thursday 20th September, all parents are invited to a Phonics Information session between 5pm and 6pm. This will be followed by our first Parent Forum, between 6pm and 7pm.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support this week and I am really looking forward to welcoming you and your children into our new school.

A full calendar of events for this term will be published next week.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Debbie Gayler