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Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff

A warm welcome back!

It was lovely for the staff and I to welcome the pupils back into school over the past week and a half. Today is the first day that we have our full complement of pupils in school. The school has grown steadily since we first opened our doors two years ago and our current pupil roll is at 235 children; a fully-fledged Nursery, 2 Reception classes and 4 Key Stage 1 classes.

All our staff and children are very pleased to be back. We were mindful that some of the children may have felt a bit anxious about coming back to school but they have settled into their learning routines well and with regular opportunities to engage and play with each other, it seems that our systems and structures have successfully led them to feeling happy and safe in their school.

The drop-off and collection of children continues to run smoothly. Thank you once again to those of you who raised some initial concerns about long queues and crowding around the gates on the first day back for Key Stage 1 children. It is important that we work in partnership with each other and we will continue to monitor these current arrangements to ensure that everyone is kept safe.

Kind Reminders:

- As far as possible, only one parent per family please
- Parents can choose to wear a face covering whilst waiting to drop off or collect their child
- Maintain a safe distance from others and stand well back from the gate/s
- Please call the school office and leave a message for the office team to convey to teachers whenever necessary
- Kindly leave the premises as soon as you've dropped off or collected your child/children

Message for the pupils

A big welcome to all our new pupils! Well done to you and to our current pupils who came into school with such a positive attitude. You all looked extremely smart in your uniform and it was obvious that you thoroughly enjoyed being in your new class and in the playground with all the other children in your year group bubble. When I walked around the school last week it was a delight to see you all working hard and enjoying your learning.

We are also pleased to see that you are washing your hands regularly and keeping your social distance when you need to. You are demonstrating excellent behaviour. Thank you!

Office

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via telephone. If you do need to pop in to talk to us about something urgent, please do wear a face mask and use the hand sanitiser we have available in the entrances of both the school and the nursery. We would also appreciate that no more than 2 adults come in to the office at any given time.

It is really lovely to have you all back and we will continue to ensure that, over and above providing your child with excellent learning opportunities, the best possible systems and structures remain in place to ensure a school environment which is as safe and secure as possible for everyone.

Thank you and have a great week.

Yours Sincerely

Charmaine Ward

Headteacher