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Dear parents and carers

I hope you had an enjoyable summer and were able to have some quality family time together. It was wonderful to welcome the children back to school this morning and see so many smiling faces.

The teachers have been working hard to create refreshed and welcoming learning environments for the children, and are looking forward to another exciting year of learning and enrichment with them. Please look out for newsletters next week that will detail this term's learning and activities.

A new year brings new changes and we are pleased to be able to release our new behaviour policy, which has been put together with input from both staff and children. Our new expectations are that we will be 'The Best', and we will be doing lots of work to embed this within our school. Please look out for more information and the policy itself later this week.

You may have seen in the news concerns and school closures due to Reinforced Autoclave Aerated Concrete (RAAC). So far we have not been made aware of any issues within our building, but we will of course take appropriate action if notified otherwise. In some positive building news, we were able to secure some funding to install new toilets for the children in our entrance hall. They look wonderful and create a much cleaner and safer environment for the children.

Linked to our school environment, for a long time we have been working with Leeds City Council to improve the roads and pedestrian access outside school. After several false dawns, I am pleased to say that thanks to Clifford Parish council, there has been some progress with this, but as always it is dependent on funding. Please see the attached information about a charity golf day at Alwoodley GC which aims to raise lots of funds to enable us to start this work. If you know any golfers or businesses that may be interested, please encourage them to take part and help improve our school environment.

Hopefully any improvements will encourage more walking to school, which has health benefits and gives you the chance to talk about your child's day. If you do drive, please be mindful of where you park and ensure that you are not blocking the road outside school, the bend or people's driveways.

Our aim is to ensure every child has a happy and fulfilling time at school, however there may be occasions when this is not the case. If you have any concerns about your child, please arrange to speak with their teacher to discuss your concerns, and they will take appropriate action and escalate as necessary. Please be mindful that staff are busy with the children during the day and may not be able to give an instant reply to an email or make a call until they have had time to look into any issues. This allows us to take the best action possible for your child but we will always get back to you in a timely manner.

Our PTA plays a vital role in providing resources and experiences for the children and we welcome all of the support our families give both in time and financially so please look out for upcoming events.

I hope your child/children have had a fantastic first day back and I look forward to seeing them all develop and grow throughout the year.

Yours sincerely Mr Rugg



