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Dear Parents/Carers,

We've all been in school today and I think it's fair to say that there is an air of excitement around the school. Already the summer holiday feels like a distant memory and we are all focused on welcoming the children back tomorrow. I will be writing a fuller newsletter on Friday but, in the meantime, some quick messages.

### COVID Protocols

I don't doubt that your own excitement about the start of term will also be tempered with some anxiety given the current COVID situation and I would like to reassure parents that we will be maintaining most of the protocols that were in place last year; these can be found on our school website (link below). As before, these will be reviewed and updated regularly and all updates will be highlighted in our weekly newsletter.

[COVID-19 Protocols | Bridge & Patrixbourne CEP School](#)

### Emails

Please could I ask that emails to the school go through the school office, particularly where emails relate to a children's absence or sickness. Class-based staff do not routinely check their emails during the school day nor should they be checking them outside of their normal working hours. This means that the quickest way to get a response is to email the school office.

### School Road

There have been some repair works to School Road over the summer holiday which has included the installation of wooden bollards to prevent future damage to the pavement and also allowed for a hi-vis chain to act as a barrier to safeguard our children and families as they walk to and from school.



### Parents Pray & Chat

Revd. Estella has asked me to let all parents know that all parents are invited to the Parents Pray & Chat group which is held every Friday morning from 8.45am to 9.45am at St Peter's Church in Bridge. Coffee will be available from 8.45 and prayers are held between 9am and 9.30am. The first session will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Tibbles'.

James Tibbles

