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Headteacher: Mrs. J. Payne

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is off to a positive start, and it has been wonderful to see the children settling back into school life with energy and enthusiasm. Their joy for learning and being together continues to inspire us all.

We understand, however, that the weeks ahead may bring challenges for some in our school community. The trial relating to the tragic events of last summer may stir up difficult emotions, and we want to ensure that everyone feels supported during this time.

Our priority remains the wellbeing of our entire community. We continue to hold the families most directly affected in our thoughts and ask that you remain mindful of their need for privacy and sensitivity. This will help us to maintain a compassionate, safe, and supportive environment for all.

To provide additional support, we are holding drop-in sessions for parents and carers on Wednesday 22nd January and Wednesday 29th January, both from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. These will take place in the School Lodge with refreshments provided. It is not necessary to book on to attend, however if you would like to inform the office of your attendance then please do so, via j.scaife@churchtown.org.uk or phone 01704 508500 extension 5202. The main office needs to be used to access The Lodge between 2:00pm-3:00pm and from 3:00pm the playground can be used for access.

These sessions are an opportunity to share any concerns, seek reassurance, or simply talk. A mental health professional, Rachel (who was also in school during the summer holidays) will be on hand to offer guidance and support. We hope these sessions will provide comfort and a chance to come together as we work through this difficult time. Please know that you are not alone, and we are here to help in any way we can.

Thank you for your kindness, understanding, and commitment to our shared values. Our school community has always been a place of care and unity, and together, we will continue to support one another in the weeks and months ahead.

If you have any immediate concerns or need further support, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school directly.

With warmest regards,
Jinnie Payne
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