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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you have all had a lovely Summer and enjoyed some time in the sun with friends and family.

Here we are again at the start of another school year and one which we all hope will be smoother than the last, fingers crossed! We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back on Thursday and settling them into their new classes.

Some important information prior to the start of the school year:

COVID19 Guidance

As you are probably aware the UK government has removed the majority of restrictions in schools which includes the requirement to wear face masks, the 'bubble' arrangements and have also changed the isolation guidance and the role that schools play in this. The revised guidance requires schools to prioritise ventilation, hygiene and cleaning which we will, of course, be doing. All schools are also being provided with carbon dioxide monitors which will assist in ensuring classrooms are well ventilated.

Staff will continue with lateral flow testing twice a week, as advised. In the case of someone in school testing positive, there is now no requirement for children under the age of 16 to isolate or for an adult if they have had both vaccinations. NHS Track and Trace now take full responsibility for identifying any close contacts of a positive case so they would inform anyone who needs to isolate. If you have been a close contact and you do not need to isolate you are advised to take a PCR test but do not need to isolate while you wait for the results. Please see the NHS website for more information.

Start/End of Day Arrangements

As mentioned in the end of term newsletter, we are keeping the same arrangements in place for the start and the end of the school day. Gates open at 8:45am (earlier at the bottom gate but please note that this is for Reception class to access as they

start earlier). Years 1, 2 and 3 enter via the main school yard and Reception, Year 4, 5 and 6 enter via the smaller yard at the back of the building.

Uniform

All children will need to be in full school uniform including correct footwear. Trainers are not permitted unless it is on a PE day or in exceptional circumstances, which should be discussed with the class teacher.

As last year, children will need to come to school in their PE kit on the day that they do PE. They will need to bring PE pumps to change into for when they do PE inside but can keep their trainers on for outside and throughout the day. Please note that children should be wearing the school kit of plain red t-shirt and black shorts. They may wear plain black leggings/tracksuit bottoms if the weather is cooler and their school jumper for when in other lessons. Your child's class teacher will let you know what day they have PE.

School Events

This term we are really looking forward to getting the children back together for assemblies, whole school worship and for singing. We have really missed coming together as a school family so this will certainly put a smile on everyone's face. We are, of course, looking forward to inviting parents back in to celebrate with us and for other events but this will not be until after the October half term at the earliest.

The most important thing to know is that your children are being welcomed back into a safe and nurturing environment with a committed staff team ready to guide them through their next year of learning. We are feeling positive about the coming year and all the opportunities that it will bring. God Bless us all for the year ahead.

Mrs Scanlon
Headteacher