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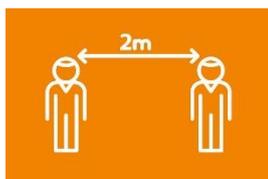
Interim Head of School: Ms C Mitchell
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Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are well and that your families are staying safe as national measures are changing.

The first full week of the year has been such a success! Our pupils – your children – are a credit to this community and have shown their commitment and passion for learning in abundance. The Reception class are settled in their routines and are becoming much more confident in their communication with adults and their peers. The Key Stage One classes are focussed and motivated and Key Stage Two children have demonstrated how ready they were to move into the next year group. It is a pleasure to walk around our school and listen to the curriculum being delivered by our dedicated staff to our academicians.



An essential element of school life is the communication between parents and staff and we are already seeing these short, distanced interactions on the playground. The start and finish of each school day is positive and calm so our thanks go to you for your patience. We ask that, as parents and carers, you continue to adhere to social distancing measures while on the school premises just as you would elsewhere. We have waited a long time to be together again but we must still take precautions in order to keep each other safe and keep the school open to all. Different households must keep a distance from one another on the playground and masks are welcomed and encouraged for all families.

Unfortunately, we have had a small number of absences this week and this was to be expected. While we know that many illnesses are harmless, many of the symptoms may also be signs of COVID 19:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
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If anyone in your household displays any of these symptoms, please follow the government guidance of self-isolation and book a COVID test. Please also let the school know immediately so that we can maintain awareness of any patterns across the school. While we do not wish any pupil to miss school, a quicker return can be managed with a negative test result. The national testing system is not running as smoothly as we would all like, however, we ask that you remain patient and do not return your child to school without a negative result.

Thank you for your support in settling the children back into school under these adjusted circumstances. The staff in school are going over and above to ensure that timings, cleaning and distancing are all in place throughout the day and we are now beginning to get used to the new routine. In the next couple of weeks, teachers will share their usual information with you regarding class timetables, PE days, curriculum, reading books and staffing and we will let you know more details about this soon.

Your sincerely,



Miss Mitchell
Interim Head of School