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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We trust that you have had a good summer and, like us, are looking forward to the children starting school next week. We have had a busy couple of days making sure everything is ready for Monday and just wanted to share some key information for the term ahead.

Covid-19

We are really excited to be starting the school year where the children will have much more freedom of movement; where we can have our usual trips and visitors into school and where we can come together more often as a school community. However, we will be maintaining the increased hand washing/sanitisation and be mindful of the previous Covid operating measures. We will remain on standby to revert to 'bubbles' and other measures should the need arise. We will of course continue to work in conjunction with the council and public health and be guided by them. Please find attached a leaflet from the DfE/NHS which provides a useful summary of the current guidance that schools are being asked to follow.

Nut Free School

Please remember that due to severe allergies we are a **nut free** school. Please do not send your child into school with food items containing nuts (for both snack and lunch). This includes food made with nuts such as Nutella, some cereal bars etc. This is to protect those children who have life threatening allergies while they are in school, we appreciate your support with this.

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that breakfast club opens at 7:30am each school day. It is based in the hall and costs £1.50 a day, per child. You will need to pay for your sessions via ParentMail. Please speak to the office if you have any further questions.

PE kits

We are asking that PE kits are brought into school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday. Children will need to have all their uniform clearly named so we can get any lost items back to them quickly. Children will be changing for PE lessons in school as we move forward.

Timings

As the school day timing has been staggered for the past 18 months, we wanted to remind you of the 'normal' timings:

The gates are open from 8:30-8:45am in the morning and school finishes at 15:10 in the afternoon.

Parking

Please walk your children to school if you can. If you need to use your car, please park considerately and legally to ensure the safety of all our children and allow access for local residents. We have been notified by the council that they will be sending parking enforcement officers around pick-up and drop-off times to ensure safety following complaints.

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Staff changes

We are pleased to welcome some new staff to the team:

- Mrs Rafeek – Midday Supervisor
- Ms Smyth – Learning Mentor

We are sure they settle in well and get to know your children quickly.

It is also worth noting that there have been two years' worth of weddings this summer! And so we would like to congratulate them all and inform you of those who have changed their names:

- Mrs Shiers (nee Peacock)
- Mrs Edwards (nee Evans)
- Mrs Leighton (nee Scott)
- Mrs Sparshott-Dzialoszynski (nee Dzialoszynski, now known as Mrs D)

We all hope that we can make the best start to the year ahead. While we will remain ever mindful of Covid and the impact that can have, we want it to take a 'backseat' amidst the fun and excitement of the term ahead. The staff teams are eager to meet their classes from next week and we are looking forward to welcoming the children into their classrooms and back to their learning. If you/they have any worries please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. Other than that its full steam ahead with eager optimism and excitement for the year ahead!

Best wishes

Mr Springett-McHugh & Mr Weston

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