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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the third week of term it has been wonderful to see the children get their teeth into their learning. Staff have been working hard to identify gaps in children's learning and develop strategies to help them catch up on the learning that was lost during the school closure. The majority of support the children receive will occur during school time however over the coming weeks and months we will run additional before and after school sessions in order to support children of all abilities. If your child is invited to one of these sessions it would be wonderful if they could attend as they will be designed to offer your child the best support.

COVID-19 and Attendance

We have had a really positive start with attendance although it has dipped a little towards the end of the week. The attendance for the year so far is 94.92% which, taking the situation into account, is a good start. However we still have many children who are absent with no reason given. If your child is absent for any reason it is really important that you contact us and let us know.

Although we want to promote good attendance in school we are very much aware of the need to keep each other safe.

If your child, or anyone they live with is displaying any of the following symptoms they cannot attend school:

- New persistent cough
- High Temperature
- Change or loss of taste or smell

If a pupil or member of the household has these symptoms they must self-isolate and book a test.

We are aware that it has been very difficult to book a test and if this is the case please contact school and we will do our best to support you. If you are in any doubt please contact school and we will advise you.

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Start and End of the School Day

Thank you to everyone for supporting us with the new staggered starts and finishes as well as following the one way system. Things appear to be running a lot smoother now and it has been great to see the vast majority of parents following the signs and arrows around school. I have attached a map just to confirm the direction of travel in case any of you are in doubt. Remember, you are only allowed to collect pupils early if they have siblings in other classes. Please keep to the agreed drop off and collection times for all other pupils.

Lunchtimes

The new procedures for lunch are, on the whole, working well. They have, however, presented a significant logistical challenge. We are very happy that the system is successfully allowing children to remain in their 'bubbles' and the kitchen staff and midday supervisors have worked hard to ensure all children are fed. I have had a small number of parents mention that their child has not had enough time to eat all of their lunch. If this is the case please speak to your child's class teacher who look into the matter further.

Nut allergies

Finally could I take the opportunity to remind you that children should **not** bring any items into school which contain nuts. We have two children in school who have significant nut allergies and we need to make sure they are safe.

Social Media

Finally, several parents have brought to our attention this week information that has shared via social media about school which is incorrect. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school directly so that we can discuss these with you.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and should you any further questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

Mr S. Mason
Head Teacher

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