



24<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

As we reach the end of our first month back in school I wanted to share some important information about how we are planning to move forward for the remainder of the term.

### **Reading Books**

From Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September we will be sending a reading book home with your child. We ask parents / carers to read with children at least three times each week and to make a record of it in their home school book. Older children and independent readers will often want to read on their own, parents are asked to note when they have done this. **To eliminate any possibility of virus spread, reading books must be returned to school each Friday. They will be placed by the children into a box where they will remain, untouched, until the following Monday. The virus does not survive on paper or plastic for more than 3 days. For additional safety books will be sprayed with antibacterial spray before being sent home to the next child.**

### **P.E.**

As we move towards autumn and winter children may need to wear an outdoor kit for P.E. Please check with the school website if you are unsure what this should include. From Year 4 we usually separate boys and girls when changing for P.E. Now that children are in bubbles we do not have enough physical space in school to do this. For this reason and from the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> September please can we ask that children in Years 4, 5 and 6 come to school in their kit on the day that they do P.E. Children should wear their shorts and t-shirts under a pair of track suit bottoms and a fleece/track suit top. Hoodies must not be worn. An additional school jumper can be brought to change into after the P.E. session. We realise that not being able to change fully is not ideal but we feel that it is the best option at the present time.

### **Explorers**

We had hoped to be able to offer a reduced before and after school care option for parents towards the end of this half term. Unfortunately however, with the more stringent measures being outlined by the Government this week, it will not be possible to do so. We do understand how difficult childcare can be to arrange for parents and want to assure families that we will open Explorers as soon as we feel it is safe to do so.

### **Reports and Parent's Evenings**

All parents will receive a very brief report about their child next week. This will give parents an overview of how their child has settled back into school and how their teacher has assessed their present performance in the key subjects of reading, writing and mathematics. Some children will, we know, have slipped back with their learning and will need support to catch up. So that parents have a further update on their progress we will be holding Parent's Evenings in November. These will be by strict appointment, over a period of three evenings and will be held in individual classrooms rather than the halls. More details will be shared with families nearer the date.

### **Photos**

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October and will take individual photographs of children in school unless you inform us that you do not wish your child to have their photograph taken. A proof card will be issued and you are under no obligation to purchase photographs.

While there are lots of changes to the way we are able to work at the moment, I would like to reassure all parents that the atmosphere around school is a very happy one and we are delighted with the way the children have returned, have settled and are working hard.

Thanks as always for your continued support.

Jo Campbell  
Executive Headteacher