

6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a new school year – it was lovely to see you and the children this morning. Today we had an assembly in the hall with the children which is so wonderful after 18 months of being unable to do this.

For those of you who came on the playground today, you will have seen our fabulous new classroom which has just been finished! There is still a little bit of tidying up to do so please bear with us! You will also have seen a new outside pergola classroom which will be used by children to have lessons outside but also provides a quiet shaded area for them to sit and chat at playtime and lunch. Please feel free to use it on wetter mornings! Our thanks to Mr. Ward (our school caretaker) who spent his holiday putting this together as well as some additional shaded seating areas where the planters used to be.

It seems very odd to be back to (almost) normal and not having to socially distance or keep the children in bubbles. We need to be mindful that Covid is still around and take whatever precautions have been recommended to prevent spread. There will still be thorough hand washing and cleaning going on and we are keeping all areas around school well ventilated. Please help us by not sending your child to school if they have any of the three main symptoms and getting a PCR test if they do develop symptoms. Staff are continuing to do the twice weekly lateral flow tests.

Please, please, please make sure that your child's uniform is labelled so that we can return it to them if it gets misplaced!

We are very much hoping that this year we will be able to do more school trips and visits and more whole school activities as well as opportunities for parents/carers to come into school to take part in school events. Watch this space!!

Yours sincerely



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