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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to say that it was an absolute pleasure to welcome back your children yesterday. They settled beautifully into their new classrooms with their new teachers and teaching assistants and have all been really good at making the necessary adjustments to keep everyone safe; we have a 'new normal' at school too!

As you can imagine, we have planned the children's return very carefully in order to minimise the risk to everybody. Some plans will inevitably need to be adjusted slightly when we put them into practice, so do please be patient with us as we work through this together.

Just a few reminders...

Please do stick to your drop off and collection times; we have implemented these to avoid congestion and too much close contact between families as you wait, but already we have many parents arriving as much as 15 minutes before their time. This will only get worse when the Reception children start, so please support us by sticking to your times, particularly if you only have one child to drop off or collect!



Each child must have a water bottle in school every day please; we cannot lend them cups as we used to! If you would rather, you can leave the bottle in school from Monday to Friday and take it home to wash at the weekend



We do not currently need PE bags in school. The children will be having PE lessons, but will not be changing for the first few weeks; we will let you know when we would like you to send them in. We will let you know when we would like the children to start bringing in book bags too

Please don't send your child in with bags/backpacks of any sort, they do not currently need to bring anything into school except coats, water bottles and lunch boxes



Please do not send sanitiser into school; we have to be really careful as it is not a safe substance for children to have in classrooms; we do use sanitiser in class, but its use is closely supervised by an adult at all times.



Thanks very much!

Mrs Partridge