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Dear Parent/Carer,

Further to my newsletter last week, I would just like to share some additional information and updates.

Drop Off and Collection

Firstly, a big thank you to you all for your support with our drop off and collection procedures. These are running really smoothly, the one-way system is working well and children are arriving punctually every morning. We hope that you are finding the system is working well for you too. Please let us know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Thank you also for keeping visits to the office at a minimum, this is much appreciated. If you do visit the school office could we ask that, wherever possible, you also wear a mask. Many thanks for your support with this.

Updated Risk Assessment

Following the return to school in September and the further local restrictions, the Durham Risk Assessment has been updated. I have added to/amended this to fit in with our school arrangements and this has replaced the original Risk Assessment on our website. Our Organisation Plan which has further details and practical arrangements remains largely the same.

Please also see the most recent letter from Test and Trace which contains useful information for parents/carers.

Remote Learning

Next week, teachers will share a homework task with you as a way of trying out our new Remote Learning procedures. They will send a task in video form for you either via Class Dojo or email and explain how to return your child's finished work. This will help us to check how this system works and amend/improve as needed. In the case of a full lockdown situation or a whole class bubble having to self-isolate, daily tasks will then be shared in this way. Currently, if individual children need to self-isolate, teachers will send a selection of tasks to complete in the same way that these were shared in the earlier lock down this year. We will also try to share our weekly assemblies with these children each week too.

Teachers will send today's Golden Assembly to all parents/carers on Class Dojo so you can see how we are delivering these in school.



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Catch Up Curriculum

As we settle into the term, teachers are assessing where children are currently in their learning and what additional support and catch up they may need. Much of this will take place in additional whole class Maths and English lessons each week, daily Phonics and/or Reading sessions and some lunchtime groups. As the year progresses, we will also be offering various catch up opportunities for children as we feel they need these. Your child's class teacher will let you know more details about these different groups as they arise.

World Mental Health Day

Next Friday, the 9th October, we will be celebrating World Mental Health Day in school. We will be asking children to come in brightly coloured clothing rather than school uniform and younger children may wish to come as a super hero if they prefer. It will be lovely to see a rainbow of colours and costumes coming through the school gates next Friday! In their classes, children will take part in a range of activities to promote positive mental health, a priority focus of our curriculum this term.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Lavelle
Headteacher



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