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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear parents,

We have had another great week at school with all our intervention programmes up and running in Year 1 – Year 6, with Year R support from next week. The school is utilising additional government funding to provide designated teaching and learning programmes for all classes and all pupils based on identified 'learning gaps', to help all children to 'catch-up' on any missed learning from last school year. We are absolutely determined to close academic gaps as soon as possible, and in addition to these programmes we have also adapted our school curriculum for the Autumn Term to ensure that we recover lost learning in English and Maths. We have created a daily 'Recovery lesson' for English and/or Maths while enabling a broad and balanced curriculum to continue alongside this. Details of your child's curriculum topic areas have been sent to all parents at the beginning of this school week.

**Hands, Face, Space government campaign:**

**From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, all parents and carers will be asked to wear face masks at drop off and collection times.** This is an important protective measure for our school community and we need everyone to support this action to help control infection rates. I understand that it can be very difficult for parents and carers to maintain social distancing around the school premises due to our narrow pathways. Please can I ask that you only arrive at the school gate for your allocated drop off and collection time to minimise contact with others. Please also observe all new government regulations coming into effect from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September as any actions and behaviour outside of school that does not adhere to protective measures can put at risk other families and staff at the school.

We would like you to be aware that there are 'cold symptoms' circulating among some year groups. Although these symptoms are generally mild they may result in a child being absent from school. If your child or anyone in your household has COVID-19 symptoms, please do not attend school:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Please ensure that you inform us straight away and that you take appropriate action by organising a COVID-19 test and engaging with the NHS Test and Trace Process. **If you are unsure or need any guidance about whether your child is well enough to attend school, please email and /or call the school office and we will help you.**

I am always so impressed by our children and how well they have adapted to returning to school and today we had a whole school fire drill with exemplary behaviour and social distancing at its very best! We have held our first whole school Celebration Assembly today via ZOOM with awards for excellent learning, behaviour and attitude. I have also been delighted to see so many children across the school receiving a 'RESPECT CARD' within the first 7 school days. Finally we have uploaded some photographs of the children learning and playing in their class bubbles. Please go to the school website tab: **Learning Zone / September Reopening Photos** to view these. More photos will be added at the beginning of next week.

Thank you for all your ongoing support and have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,  
Miss Lavelle  
Head Teacher