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Dear parents,

Thank you for supporting all the protective measures that we have put in place since the start of this school year. Both drop off and collection times are now working really well as a result of parents only arriving at the school gate and designated waiting areas at the allocated time for their child's class. I would also like to thank you all for your support with wearing a face mask whilst on The Street and on school premises. Please do not remove your mask until you are back inside your car.

**Reporting your child's absence from school:** If you are unsure or need any guidance about whether your child is well enough to attend school or what to do if your child has symptoms of COVID-19, please email and /or call the school office and we will help you. If any child is absent from school as a result of self-isolation, household members isolating, class bubbles isolating and/or awaiting the result of a COVID-19 test, the school will provide home learning so that your child's education continues under these circumstances. We have devised a comprehensive programme unique to each year group curriculum, to meet the needs of all pupils that may need to learn from home and the class teacher will liaise directly with parents and provide learning for your child within 24 hours of being informed of any isolation.

**Collection at the end of the school day:** Please make sure that any changes to the adult collecting your child are communicated to the school in advance of collection. Staff will not release a child to any other adult or other parents of the school without prior permission from you.

**Growth mindset certificates:** Next week we are planning to relaunch our *Growth mindset certificates* and *stickers*. At Mereworth we want to recognise and encourage children to believe in themselves and to take on challenges with a 'can do attitude.' Our School value for September is 'Positivity' and I have been extremely impressed by the children's ability to settle into their new class and challenging learning activities.

The weather has been lovely this week and the children have really enjoyed their break times and lunch times. We have added some more 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.

Finally, our amazing FOMS are starting the 100 CLUB for this school year. Please find attached information about this fundraising event for the school.

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss Lavelle  
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