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Dear Parents,

I sincerely hope you are all well, and have had a pleasant summer. I expect as usual the weather will improve now the children are back at school, which whilst a little frustrating, is actually a blessing, and often helps us ease back into routine with some sunshine on our faces!

School starts for the pupils this Thursday, although our new Reception will have slightly different arrangements (these parents have been notified already).

There has been a lot of coverage in the media regarding safety in our schools. The Government has made it clear that each school must assess risk and act accordingly, whilst issuing some general guidelines from schools across England.

On the website you will find an updated Risk Assessment and a new document entitled Federation Action Plan for Autumn 2020. The latter document gives some more detail around the day to day running of school.

However, there are some specific things I would like to highlight:

- Staff may feel that they wish to wear a face mask or visor when in class. I cannot dictate what makes them feel safest, nor would I wish to. If this is the case, it will be talked through with the children.
- Similarly, if you wish your child to wear a face mask, then this will be permitted. It must be stressed though, that staff will not be permitted to help your child in putting it on or off. If we find that wearing a face mask makes learning difficult, we will need to speak to you.
- You **must** give us upto date contact details in case your child becomes ill during the day. We must be able to contact somebody at all times of the day. Please keep your phone switched on and be prepared to take a call from us, ensuring we can all keep as safe as possible.

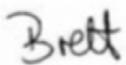
- If your child becomes ill, then we expect them to be collected as soon as possible. There are no exceptions to this, and your employer will need to respect that.
- We may on occasion take your child's temperature using an Infa-red thermometer. If your child has a high temperature, you will be asked to collect your child. This will also apply to other symptoms unless we have had a conversation directly with you.
- No parents or visitors will be allowed on site unless by prior arrangement. All people visiting the site will be required to follow Social distancing guidelines including wearing a mask.
- PE Kit must be worn to school on the days that your child have PE. This has changed from the summer guidance. Trainers should not be worn, but we appreciate that it is short notice to get new shoes after the summer. Therefore we would like all children to wear school shoes by half term at the latest.

Having read this through, it does sound rather authoritarian in tone. This is unfortunate, but I am sure you will appreciate that I am putting safety first.

School lessons will be as near to 'normal' as possible though. Staff are genuinely looking forward to the profession they chose to do, with the children that they care about. I've said it before, but it is also our privilege to work with children. There may be some bumps in the road ahead, but we can all work together and ensure that we can ensure the best outcomes for all.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher if you need to ask any questions.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted.

Brett Stevenson
Headteacher