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Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, I hope you have all enjoyed the fantastic opportunity of being able to spend more, valuable time with your children and family. I am sure you have been able to see the fantastic progress your child has already made since starting school in September. To make it even better the sun is shining, the weather is beautiful, and I for one hope it continues as we enter the last term of school.

I wanted to take the opportunity to share some important information with yourselves ahead of the new term.

The "New" Normal

The "new" normal, a term which has been passed around over the last few weeks, and something we need to adjust to and get used to for the forthcoming weeks. Routines at school have changed slightly. Your child will be in a small 'bubble' who they will stay with at all times throughout the day. They will learn in their bubble, have playtime with their bubble and eat with their bubble. It is going to feel a little strange to begin with, much smaller classes and stricter rules in relation to social distancing. However, I will do my best to make this transition as easy and enjoyable as I possibly can for your child.

Drop off and Pick up

You will have been given a time to drop off and pick up your child at school. (See below). It is important that you arrive promptly at school for your child's allotted time. The school office may not be manned and is closed to parents and visitors. We need to preserve our class 'bubbles' the best we can so we may not be able to admit any late arrivals.

Key Worker Children – 8.45am-3.15pm

Non-Key Worker children – 9.00am-3.00pm

When you arrive at school, the KS1 side gate will be unlocked for you to enter the premises. Please make your way to your child's classroom and pay attention to the markings on the playground. You should stay at the marking on the playground to drop your child off. Please do not come right up to the door in order to keep everyone safe.

Personal Belongings

The weather is looking lovely, and hopefully this will continue. Please can you ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate clothing and protection in relation to the weather. Please bear in mind that no child should bring sunglasses to school unless it is for a medical reason. We ask that you apply sun cream before the children come to school. If your child needs to reapply the sun cream during school hours, they are able to do so, however this will be done by the child themselves under supervision of an

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adult. The items your child brings to school will be kept with them at their table space at all times, this includes; coats, bags, lunch boxes, sun cream. We ask that everything is labelled clearly and that for the foreseeable, children do not bring in any teddies or toys from home.

Topic

Our learning this term will be based on the topic '**Around the World**'. In literacy we will be exploring different traditional tales, sequencing the events in the stories, retelling the stories and exploring different genres of writing such as letters. We will be looking at different plants, learning about how they grow. We will even be growing our own plants! We will be exploring different cultural art such as Chinese Block Prints and African pattern art. We will make careful observations of our own country and other countries around the world and discuss the similarities and differences. It is a fantastic topic with some many little pockets to explore and engage your child in their learning.

P.E.

P.E. will still go ahead this term. Your child will have a P.E. session **every** Monday (starting 1st June) and Thursday. Your child does not need to bring their P.E. kit in to school, instead they should come to school on a Monday and Thursday dressed in their P.E. kit. They will wear this for the entire day. If your child wears earrings, could I please ask that they are removed before school in order to keep your child safe within P.E. lessons.

Reading Books

Unfortunately, due to the spread of the virus living for longer on certain surfaces, we will not be sending reading books home with your child. Reading is still a really important part of your child's learning and development and we would still encourage you to read with your child every night. This could be done through phonics activities or Ebooks available online. I would recommend that your child accesses Phonics Heroes every night for a short amount of time. You can also access some reading material on <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/> You will need to sign up (it's free!) and then choose an appropriate book. If you click on the 'levels' drop down menu, and then choose 'Oxford Level', we would expect at this point of the year children to be reading level 2 or 3 books.

Finally, I understand that you will have many questions and queries. I will do my best to answer them all as best I can, and where clarification is needed I will seek this from the appropriate people. If you have any questions, worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Kind Regards,
Miss Westfield

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