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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a lovely summer break and have enjoyed some family time together. We are all really excited and looking forward to welcoming all of our children back to school on Thursday 3rd September. It will be a different start to the school year than we are used to but school staff have been working hard to ensure that the classrooms are prepared and that the children have exciting lessons to look forward to.

Accompanying this letter is a handbook detailing the new routines and procedures that have been put in place ready for Thursday (these are mainly the same as the letter sent out by Mrs Jenkinson in July, with a few tweaks as a result of changes in government guidelines). Please make sure you read and familiarise yourself and your children with these before Thursday as they are all in place to ensure that school is as safe as possible for everyone in our community. There is also a video detailing the new one way and drop off and pick up system which was uploaded to the school blog on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August. This can be found in the whole school blog area.

As you may know, government guidelines around the use of face coverings in school is changing. Currently, children and staff in primary schools are not required to wear a face covering whilst in school. However, in order to protect our staff, we have allowed them the choice of whether to wear a face covering or not while they are working. Face coverings are not recommended for children under the age of 11; however, we know that some parents may ask their children to wear masks on the way to and from school. In this instance, please read the attached booklet carefully for instructions on disposal and storage of these masks during the school day.

As we begin the year, all staff will be out on the playgrounds/walkways to support children and families to follow the new routines meaning that there will be no one in the school office from 8:30-9:30 in a morning. If your child will be absent from school, please contact the office before 8:30a.m. to let us know.

We understand that there are lots of new routines in place in and around school. Please be patient as these routines are new to school staff as well and, although they may take longer, they are there to protect everyone and keep our community as safe as possible during these times. We will be reviewing all procedures regularly and so there may be tweaks and changes along the way. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

Thank you for all of your support during these difficult times.

We look forward to seeing all the children on Thursday.

Regards,  
Mrs Walker (Acting Headteacher)

