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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am excited to write to you just before the new academic year starts. It has been a year like no other and continues to be and I firmly believe we are starting the year as a very strong school community. This is such a positive for all of us and something to be very proud of.

I have had some time to reflect and rest over the summer holiday and enjoyed time away with my family. I really hope you all have had some quality time with loved ones too.

We welcome all children from **Year 1 and 2 back on Friday 4th September**. Reception and Nursery children start back a bit later and all parents have been told these dates – we will of course remind you if you are unsure.

Over the holidays I wrote a lengthy, comprehensive risk assessment for a full opening and some related documents to help staff and families. The documents have been written using the government guidance, Local Authority and Trust support. I have attached the **Parent Handbook** and this should have answers to most of your questions. There will be staff available to help you and answer any questions from now until the start of term. I appreciate some of you might be anxious and worried about sending your children back to school but please trust that we have everything in place to support the whole family, not just the children and will keep your children as safe as we possibly can. It will be great for your children's mental health to be back with their friends. Your child's new teacher will be waiting at the external classroom door for you and will welcome you with 'metaphorical' open arms! We initially said the children will line up on the playground, however we have changed this to minimize congestion and your children will go straight in through the open door when they arrive at school.

It is really important that you try to be on time to school, not too early and not too late, so that we can manage the number of families coming onto our site at one time. Arriving 5 minutes early is better than 5 minutes late.

We are really looking forward to seeing all of the children back at school and can't wait to meet our new Reception and Nursery children and families. Your children are starting school in a very special year in history and they will have many stories to tell their children and grandchildren in years to come.

I continue to appreciate your understanding, patience and support during this time.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Rebecca Westall
Headteacher

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