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Dear Parent/Carer,

After just 2 days in I think we can say that new routines are already being established. Today's drop off was much smoother and the majority of you were following social distancing measures, thank you for this. Could I ask you all to continue being considerate to others and maintaining social distancing whilst waiting to drop off/collect your children.

There is a wonderful buzz around school and children are happy to be back, as are we! To celebrate being back we are going to hold class parties **this Friday afternoon**. We will be providing some party food for all children and they will be able to take part in games / watch a DVD. Children are also able to come to school in non-uniform / party clothes for the day. Please make sure that the clothes and shoes are suitable for school. Children will still be running around at play and lunch times.

I've had a couple of questions that I would like to clarify:

- PE will start **from next week** (w/c 14<sup>th</sup> September). We wanted to bring the children back first before adding PE into the mix. Remember that children should come to school in their PE kit on the day they have PE.
- Birthdays and sweets – some parents have asked if they can bring sweets into school. If the sweets/treats are in individual plastic bags that can be wiped before being handed to children then bringing sweets in to celebrate a birthday is fine. For example, small haribo sweets. Any sweets/treats in paper wrappers cannot be brought into school as they would need to be put into quarantine for 72 hours before handing out to children. Please make sure that any sweets/treats brought into school are nut free.
- Packed lunches – a few children have had sweets in their packed lunches. Can you make sure that packed lunches are healthy and sweets should not be included in your child's packed lunch. And again, can you make sure that they are nut free.
- Homework – this will start the week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> September. We want to focus on the children's wellbeing for the first 2-3 weeks and ensure that they are happy and ready to learn before starting homework.
- Increased hygiene measures – some of you have asked about extra hygiene and cleaning measures that we have put in place. I have attached this information on an extra sheet. So far our enhanced measures are working and children are adapting well to the changed routines.

Thank you all again for your continued support. And fingers crossed that the rest of the week continues to run smoothly.

Best wishes,

Beverley Minor