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## Dear parents and carers,

I am absolutely delighted to have so many happy, smiling faces back in school this week. It was great to see how eager each and every single one of the children were to see their friends and meet their teachers. The last two days have gone better than we could have wished for. Please continue to follow our precautions and we thank you for your patience. I am hoping that soon we can look at relaxing our measures and reintroducing things like hot dinners, breakfast and after school club etc. In the large majority of cases we have observed parents adhering to good social distancing. Consequently from Monday there is no requirement for parents to wear a face covering unless you need to enter the school building or you are likely to be within 2 metres of a member of staff. Masks may be particularly vital to parents of EYFS or infant children who may need consoling at the classroom door on first arrival. Due to current restrictions much of our communication will be sent out electronically. Can I please ask that you ensure both your mobile number and email address are up to date on our system. Letters, along with our weekly newsletter, will be posted on the school website under 'News' in the top right-hand corner. In addition to this we always post on Dojo, twitter and Instagram with a text message alert. Senior staff will continue to be at the school gates before and after school. If you have any worries or concerns please speak with them as soon as possible.

At the end of the summer term we appointed two new members of staff. Mrs Hine is our new SENDco who has many years' experience in her field. She also has a particular expertise in Spanish and will be supporting us in delivering a vocabulary rich language curriculum.

Secondly, Mrs Gibson Burkert, from Monday will be our Educational Welfare Officer. Mrs Gibson Burkert has worked in education for many years and brings with her many skills over and above her job role. I'm sure you will all make them both feel very welcome at our school.

Over the summer break we have been busy updating the school site. All classrooms and corridors have had new LED lighting installed. This has certainly brightened up our environment and will save money in the years to come. In addition, we have also had new external musical equipment installed on the infant yard. This will be a great facility to support music lessons but also to engage the children during play time.

Finally, we have had lots of painting work done both internally and externally to keep our building looking aesthetically pleasing.

Again, thank you for your co-operation.

Mr D Kenny Executive Headteacher

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