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Dear Parents,

Class Dojo

As many of you will be aware, for children who were unable to return to school between March and July, the school started to use a site called Class Dojo to assist with communication, learning and messages between home and school. This is also a method for rewarding children for behaviour and work in school. We have recently set up Class Dojo for all children and classes in the school. We will be able to use this to communicate, share photos of good work, merit award winners and much more. These messages and photos can be sent individually and privately in order that photos are only sent to parents/carers. We feel this will be a valuable way of keeping you up to date with some things happening in school whilst we are not allowed parents in school. It is also one of the ways in which we will be providing home learning resources in the event of a group or school isolation period. If you were not using Class Dojo prior to the summer holidays, you will have been sent a link to this very recently. We politely ask that parents/carers accept this link to aid communication between home and school and for you to receive good news about your child. We have used email addresses that we currently hold on file. If you have not received this link or are experiencing any problems with accessing Class Dojo, please contact the school so that we can help to resolve any problems. Thank you.

Social Distancing and Risk Assessment Measures

We are very pleased with the way the vast majority of safety measures relating to COVID are working. At collection time, there are understandably points that have become more congested with parents/carers than others. One of these is the car park/pavement near to the KS2 playground. We have opened these gates to allow parents of children in Years 5 and 6 and classes 3 Apple and 4 Maple to wait on the playground to help ease this congestion. Please do feel free to utilise this space. Some concerns have been expressed that social distancing is not always being observed at this time. Could we politely ask that parents from different families follow the 2M rule. If you are unable to distance safely, could we ask that you consider wearing a face covering for everybody's safety. Social distancing will be enhanced if parents and carers exit the school and surrounding areas promptly following drop off and collection. If you need to relay a message to a member of staff at any point during drop off and collections, please maintain a 2m distance from them. If this is not possible, we ask that you wear a face covering. Finally, despite repeated requests, we are still experiencing several children in years 4 and 5, without siblings in earlier starting year groups, being dropped off too early. Please ensure that children without siblings in school who start at 8.30/8.40, **do not arrive any earlier than 8.45am**. Even 2 or 3 minutes before this means that we are unable to keep children in different group bubbles separate effectively. This therefore breaches the risk assessment and jeopardises the safety of all members of the school community. As cases in Wolverhampton continue to rise, these measures are essential to minimise risk and the potential impact of any confirmed positive cases. If it is necessary for you to bring your child to school before their start time, please contact breakfast club to book a space for your child. Alternative solutions will be sought if this problem persists.



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Milk

A reminder that if you would like your child to receive milk this term, this can be paid for through SIMs Pay. The cost for milk this term is £13.30.

Children in school

I would like to say again what a complete delight your children are. Their attitudes and behaviour since returning to school have been superb - they are an utter credit to you. This is also testament to the high level of support that we are receiving from parents and carers and, as a school staff, we are incredibly grateful. Together, you are all helping a more challenging year get off to a very smooth start. Please remember, that should you wish to talk to a member of staff about anything, we are always on the end of the phone. Thank you very much and have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Rachael Kilmister'.

Rachael Kilmister
Headteacher