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Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcome the Rainbow Class in full time this week. Please help them to feel welcome and remind them of our many routines.

I am reiterating much of the information that I sent out last week in this letter to make sure everyone is clear about our routines. These are all designed to keep everyone safe so please adhere to them closely.

- Our new path is helping us to social distance – PLEASE USE NEW PATH FOR ENTERING AND PATH BY DRIVE FOR EXIT- this will ensure we have a one way system. We have tried later parents exiting but there has been some confusion. SO ONE WAY ONLY.
- We are encouraging as many of you as possible to drop at the end of the new path, especially Key Stage Two children. Please leave all other children at the gate by the music garden. Miss Searle is on hand to usher the children round to the classrooms. This allows the children to organise themselves and wash their hands ready for the first session.
- Thank you for dropping children off at the appropriate times as this helps the traffic and social distancing.
- Remember to social distance on the playground otherwise we will insist on face masks being worn on site.

If you require your child to take their water bottle home daily to wash please make a note in their blue books. We are not washing the bottles in school. Children can only rinse them when they refill them with fresh water. **A thorough wash at home is obviously preferable. However we do need all children to have their bottles in every day to ensure they are drinking regularly.**

The hand washing routine is taking a little extra time but it is vitally important. The children are being very sensible and use the time to talk to their friends, practise timetables and listen to stories. They will be excellent at multi-tasking!

We are continually updating our risk assessment in line with guidance and circumstances this is to ensure that we continue to be vigilant and minimise risk; whilst providing a broad curriculum.

There is a separate letter regarding our regular reading helpers that we would ask you to respond to if you have any concerns. Oak Class have had a separate letter regarding this because the 'Reading Dog' is visiting this class.

Respect, Faith, Friendship, Achievement



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Remember if your child develops a continuous cough or high temperature you need to get a Covid19 test. If your child just has a runny nose and cold then they do not need testing. If in any doubt please keep them at home and get tested as soon as possible.

REMOTE LEARNING

The teachers will be posting the week's work on the website. If your child is awaiting a test or isolating then they will be able to continue their learning at home using the resources. The teachers will be able to feedback via the class blogs. We will issue further information on this later this week.

Please keep reading regularly with your children – this has helped enormously during 'Lockdown' and many of the children are now reading much more fluently due to your continued hard work.

Alice will hold a special service to celebrate the new school captains in the Church just for Year 6 and one parent per family can attend this service on September 23rd at 10.30 a.m.

The School office still has a good stock of jumpers, cardigans, fleeces, PE kit and bookbags so please let them know if you need anything.

Stay safe everyone and keep smiling.

Mrs PH
Headteacher.