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Dear parents and carers

I would like to start this letter by thanking you for your support and consideration at the beginning of this challenging term. I know that many parents have been naturally concerned about their children returning to school, and it has been wonderful that so many of them have returned happy and excited to see their friends and teachers again.

We are keen that the first few weeks of school support this huge change for our children and families, and for the majority this will be smooth. If, however, you have any particular concerns regarding you, or your child, then please contact the school offices and they will get back to you as soon as possible to help.

I am aware that some aspects have still been a challenge. Parking, particularly at Weston Mill and Oakwood has been difficult and I would encourage all parents to be patient, and try to walk to school where possible. The vast majority of parents park appropriately and sensibly, for those who are not, please could you try to consider the safety of all of our school community in deciding where to leave your cars.

Additionally, some parents have found socially distancing around our schools difficult, as parents have gathered around gates, been pushing through gated entrances without leaving spaces, hugging etc. PLEASE could I ask that all parents ensure that they maintain the distancing rules around our schools and be considerate to those other parents and children. Adults may wear masks to bring and collect their children, if they feel it is needed. Can I remind you that only one adult per family should enter the sites, with siblings older than 12 staying outside the gates (appropriately distanced). All children should stay with their parent and not be allowed to run off and play or mix with other children or groups. This is to support our distancing in school.

I am sure that you have all listened to, and seen, the recent changes regarding social groups that were announced by the Government this week. We hope that this will help to make it clear to all of us that it is now illegal to meet socially inside or outside in groups of more than 6 people. It is extremely important that the amount of close direct contact the children have outside of school is reduced as much as possible in order to ensure that they are able to come into school and catch up on the learning that has been missed. If children have this contact with wider households they risk needing to self-isolate if symptoms of Covid are present in this wider group. This is then a risk both to their peers in school and our staff. Please can I ask you all to think carefully about these new legal changes and continue to support us by adhering to the law. To reassure you this expectation is also being shared with staff. If your child does display symptoms of Covid it is essential that they get tested as soon as

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possible and that the household self-isolate until the results of the test are back and that you let the schools know immediately of the results of any test.

Thank you all again for helping us and your child through this period of change and I hope that you all manage to enjoy the sunshine that is forecast over the weekend.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison", is placed over a light grey, stylized geometric shape that resembles a large, abstract letter 'A'.

Mrs Alison Nettleship
CEO
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