

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. It has been a very positive week, the children have all settled brilliantly into their new classes and some teachers have already had a chance to meet and greet parents onsite. The parents were more excited than the children about being on the playground again! It has been lovely to see so many of you face to face once again.

As you know COVID is still very much with us and we continue to follow the guidance from public health and the DFE, albeit with greater flexibility which enables schools to decide what they feel is right for their setting.

In the risk assessment <u>on the website</u> you will see the measures that we have put into place along with the breakout management plan to follow as advised.

Please do note that the overarching aim of the government is for children to be attending school. However, if your child has covid symptoms and or tests positive for covid they will need to stay at home, also if they are unwell for any other reason.

Please call the office each day to report an absence, emails may not be checked and a follow up call may need to be made if your child is not in school.

We are looking forward to a fun filled and busy term and are hoping to plan events that can involve the community. If you are able to help with this in any way do let us know...for example do you have a large barn that we could hold a whole school event in?

You will hear from your child's teacher each week, you will also receive home-learning from them. Whole school newsletters and updates will be sent as necessary. If you have a query for the teacher please email families and our admin team will forward to the relevant member of staff.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to meeting with more of you next week.

Melanie Smallwood