

Monday 7th September 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back after the summer break.

The new term has started off smoothly and calmly for us. Children have settled incredibly quickly into their new year groups, and have clearly missed the buzz of school life! Year 3 children are all adjusting to our routines and procedures well. They too have settled in quickly considering there were limited transition opportunities. Your children are a real credit to you and us! The South End team are all delighted to have our South Enders back!

Classrooms do look rather different, and school life feels very different too. We have worked hard over the summer to ensure that we have followed all government guidance, and have opened our site safely. Hand washing will remain in place at several times throughout the day. We will continue to promote good respiratory hygiene too. As the guidance changes, we will continue to adjust our own risk assessments accordingly.

The first few weeks will have a focus on nurture, building relationships and well-being. The children will be reminded of school values, having a growth mindset and our behaviour expectations. As the term progresses, we will be carrying out assessments across the school to enable us to ensure we plan teaching and learning accordingly. This term will also see many concepts revised to enable the children to gain confidence and build up their stamina. We will then begin to plug any gaps in their learning and move our pupils forward.

Our 'Cornerstones' curriculum provides an excellent platform to introduce new projects, and hook children back into their learning. Please ask your child which projects have been introduced for their year group at the end of this week. On Friday, you will be receiving curriculum letters and knowledge organisers for your child's year group which inform you what your children will be learning this term, and what knowledge they will be expected to have by the end of the project.

Year group leaders shared their specific year group information last week. Please take the time to read this information carefully. These booklets introduce all team members and inform you about key information.

As things change, we will continue to inform you as best as we can. Please do continue to follow the timings sent home for drop off and pick up around the site. Where possible, try to use the gate closest to our entrance on Wymington Road. This will ease congestion with infant school families arriving on site who tend to use the gate nearest to them.

Many thanks for your continued co-operation through this unpredictable and challenging time.

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