



7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents,

### **First Full Week Back at School**

We have a complete class of new Reception pupils today and they all look very happy to be here! Welcome to all of our new families in both Willow and our other year groups. Here are some reminders and updates.

### **New Procedures**

The pupils continue to listen carefully to the new rules and adhere to social distancing as well as regular hand washing. They have adapted well to the modified classroom layouts and staying in their bubbles throughout the day. Many thanks to you all for using the one-way systems and staying 2m apart. All of the measures are in place to keep the members of our school community safe.

Please be aware of the following very important information:

### **What to do if a child is unable to attend school or a setting because they have COVID-19 symptoms**

*Anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19, or whose household member develops symptoms, should immediately self-isolate. They should not attend school or setting and should follow the steps below:-*

1. Parent/Carer should notify school of their child's absence by phone.
2. Parent/Carer should contact 111 for advice.
3. The person with symptoms should isolate for 10 days starting from the first day of their symptoms and the rest of their household for 14 days.
4. The school will advise that the pupil must be tested as soon as possible. This would also apply to any parent, household member or member of staff who develops symptoms.

*Please let school know immediately of the results of the test (positive or negative).*



### **Home School Link Books and Seesaw**

Many thanks to the parents who have already purchased the home school link books. The books are checked daily for messages from home. *Please note Seesaw is our online learning platform and is not a method of communicating day-to-day messages with the class teacher.* Please do check Seesaw as the class teachers will be setting homework tasks from this week.

### **Individual Pupil Photographs**

Next Gen Photography are booked to visit school on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. They have adapted their procedures to be COVID-19 safe. Their adapted equipment allows for adequate social distancing, the staff will not need to enter the building as photographs can be taken outside or in the school hall that can be accessed directly. Please note that due to their COVID-19 procedures there will not be any pre-school sibling or sibling photographs taken this year. If you do not wish your child to have their photograph taken please let the school office know.

### **Uniform and PE Kits**

All classes will have allocated PE days and you should have received a text to confirm these. Pupils will be expected to attend school, wearing PE kits on their allocated PE days and uniform on non-PE days. To keep warm on a PE day, pupils can either wear their school jumper/cardigan or a hoody (school colours preferably) and a pair of joggers (again ideally in school colours).

Please note a waterproof coat is needed daily, as pupils will be going outside at break times.

### **Curriculum News**

The class teachers will be posting the latest knowledge organisers and topic overviews in the class pages of the school website. These documents give an outline of the exciting topic work the pupils will be doing during this half term.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Dean', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs J Dean  
Headteacher