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Dear Parents and Carers

It was a pleasure to welcome our pupils back this term. They have settled well into their new routines and we are all happy to be seeing and hearing them in school again.

Our new intake of Nursery and Reception pupils started this morning and we would like to welcome you to our Red Gates community. We hope that you will be very happy during your time here with us.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher in the first instance, either using the home / school contact book or class email. You can also phone to ask the teacher to call you back after the school day.

We have spent time during the summer break preparing our school for everyone's return so that we can be as COVID secure as possible. We are carefully following Government, Local Authority and Public Health England guidance, this includes ensuring that all equipment and rooms are sanitised each day. Staff are wearing masks when working with pupils reduce possible cross contamination as far as possible.

We only allow essential visitors on site and ensure that they follow all of the sanitising and COVID related protocols that we have put in place.

When pupils or staff show any symptoms of COVID-19 we follow the Public Health England advice and so if we contact you to collect your child, please come as soon as possible. We have prepared an isolation room for any pupils or members of staff showing symptoms that are waiting to be collected.

I have attached the guidance for parents in the event of their child showing COVID symptoms.

As there are currently delays in taking COVID tests and in getting results, we are taking all precautionary steps to protect our community from any spread of the virus.

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If there is a confirmed case in our school, we will let you know if your child has been in contact with the person who has been diagnosed. The letter we send you will explain what you have to do next. If your child has not been in contact with that person, we will let you know that a case has been diagnosed in school, but you will not have to take any action.

My team and I are working hard to make sure that everyone is safe and is learning the next steps to enable them to fulfil their potential. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please don't hesitate to contact their class teacher. Annual Reviews will continue to be held virtually for the foreseeable future. If you have any concerns about accessing your child's Annual Review, please let the office know.

While we will not be having our usual Autumn term family events, we are making plans to ensure that your children are included in as many COVID safe social events as possible. For example, classes are joining in our virtual assemblies each week, which has proven a popular way to share music and singing!

Although things are somewhat different to the usual school day, our teams are doing everything that they can to ensure that your children are happy, safe and learning in our school environment.

We are all really pleased to have our pupils back in school and are looking forward to seeing what the Autumn term brings.

With kind regards,

Lorraine Slee

Head Teacher

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