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Dear Parents / Carers

I thought I would send one final message before we re-open tomorrow morning. We are all ready to get started. The school is looking great - with lots of welcome messages and even some bunting. All we need now - is to have the children back in the building.

What do the children need to bring?

- 1) PE Kit - if their kit is not already in school. As the warmer weather has not yet arrived, it might be sensible to include jogging bottoms and an extra top
- 2) Lunch box - if the children are not having a hot school dinner. Please remember to order hot meals in advance.
- 3) Snack for break time - KS2 children (Wagtails, Kingfishers and Kestrels) - can bring in a healthy snack for break time. KS1 children (Robins, Wrens and Woodpeckers) are provided with fruit as a break time snack. There will be fruit available if any KS2 children forget their snack.
- 4) Drinks bottle

There is no rain forecast for the next couple of days but it is certainly a bit chilly. As the children will be outside for their break and lunchtimes, it would be a good idea for them to have a sensible coat.

Start of the day

The gates will open at 8.45am and the school day will start at 9.00am. Mrs McGinley will be by the noticeboard and I will be standing by the lower playground gate - ready to welcome everyone back. Several members of staff will also be on the lower playground - just to ensure the day starts smoothly.

Most of the children are based in the same classroom they started in September. The only difference will be Y1 children. They will be in a different classroom. They will access that room from the Robins outside play area. Mrs Acland will be standing by Woodpeckers pen to steer them round to their classroom. The Y1 children have had many lessons in this room but they are not used to entering the room from outside. We have set up a new outside play area - just for the Y1 children. They will enjoy that.

The Y6 children will still be taught in the hall. Mrs Goodall will be at the classroom door to greet them in the morning.

We know the children are experiencing a whole range of emotions as they start back to school after such a long time. They are excited, they are nervous, they are unsure what the routines will be like, unsure what working in a classroom again will be like. This mixture of feelings is understandable. We are going to ease them back into school life and allow them plenty of opportunity to re-establish relationships with the children in their 'bubble'. Before you know it, we will all be settled into our daily routine and will be getting back on track.

We hope the children all manage to have a good nights sleep.

See you tomorrow. Stay safe,

Stephanie Severn