



Whitefield

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Dear parents and carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome back the children for the Autumn Term and to see how quickly they have settled back into school and enjoyed being with the staff and the other children. Where children need some time to get used to school we are following a more relaxed timetable, although some are already showing us that they are keen to be busy!

We have also welcomed a new CEO, Kirstie Fulthorpe, who has written to you separately. I know that Kirstie is enjoying her new role and has been delighted to meet some of you and your children at the school gates.

As it has been 6 months since school was fully open the class teachers are reviewing the children's Positive and Proactive Support Plans (PPSPs). In the next few days you will receive a copy of an updated plan including any special arrangements for support during the pandemic. Please read them carefully. If you are happy with the plans, please sign them and return to them to school. If you have any concerns then do speak to the teacher or to either member of our Family Support Team, Lesley Middleton and Steph Earle.

This term we are trying a new system for managing cars and buses on site. I hope that those of you who use the Macdonald Road entrance have found that the traffic moves more smoothly now.

In these difficult times we all need to be aware of the risks around us. You can help us by:

- encouraging your child to wash their hands before they leave home
- encouraging your child, if appropriate, to use a tissue and to cover their mouths when they cough
- using the designated spaces by the school gate and keeping a safe distance from other parents

Please do not send your child to school if they, or anyone in the household, have any of the symptoms of Covid

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of smell or taste

If we observe any of these symptoms in school, we will contact you immediately to take your child home.

Some parents have asked if we expect any children to wear face coverings. At present we don't believe it is necessary for them to do so as Waltham Forest is not considered to be in need of extra measures. If you would like to talk about this, or any other aspect of our Covid measures, please contact the Head of School in the first instance.

Finally, I would like to say 'goodbye' and a heartfelt 'thank you' to Elaine Colquhoun who retires tomorrow after 9 years at Whitefield and many years in education. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her every happiness in her retirement.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Pease
Principal