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Dear parent/carer,

It has been truly wonderful to have all the children back at school: the sound of laughter, children engaging in learning activities and simply feeling the heartbeat of the school again has been amazing.

As we expected, due to the length of time the children have been apart from their friends, there have been some children who are struggling to reignite the relationships they had with their peers prior to the lockdown. This is causing some children (and parents) some level of anxiety. When children have been at home there will have been a range of different experiences ranging from limited interaction with others to newly formed friendships with other children in their class through other means such as FaceTime or simply being in school during the period of lockdown. Every child has had a different experience and so, from a social point of view, it will take time to rebuild what life in school was like before the lockdown. We would like to reassure you that we are working hard to support the children in the rebuilding of their relationships and hope that by the Easter holidays things will have settled down. Please trust us.





In order to achieve this, we will be focussing our core values of:

 <p>Resilience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not giving up on a task that they find hard</li> <li>• If they make a mistake, wrong choice then don't let it spoil their day – move on and make things better – let others help them</li> <li>• Looking at the feedback their teacher gives them to improve their work</li> <li>• Be a problem-solver (don't have to do it on their own)</li> <li>• Being willing to accept help when they are feeling sad or anxious</li> </ul>
 <p>Respect</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respecting each other – saying please and thank you</li> <li>• Respecting the school rules of moving around school – assemblies etc</li> <li>• Speaking to staff and each other respectfully</li> <li>• Being polite and courteous</li> <li>• Smiling and giving eye contact</li> <li>• Wearing the correct school uniform</li> <li>• Respecting resources and their environment</li> <li>• Caring about the presentation in their books</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working cooperatively</li> <li>• Being creative</li> <li>• Being hopeful about the future</li> <li>• Caring about and ensuring quality</li> <li>• Being resourceful with their time</li> <li>• Meeting challenges in a positive way</li> <li>• Showing initiative</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being responsible for their belongings</li> <li>• Reading at home, doing their homework, TT rockstars, etc</li> <li>• Getting their work done in the time set</li> <li>• Looking after the environment – putting things away, recycling</li> <li>• Making right choices</li> <li>• Having good attendance</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looking at ways to be kind to others</li> <li>• Complimenting each other</li> <li>• Helping one another out when they are struggling</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflecting on their behaviours, actions and words and the impact they have on themselves and others</li> <li>• Reflecting on their work – what can they celebrate? How can they improve it?</li> </ul>

On Monday, it was wonderful to see so many children proud to wear their school uniform – we were surprised so many fit as the children looked like they had grown so much. The correct uniform is a vital part of the transition back into school after the lockdown and as mentioned in our earlier communication, we understand that school shoes might take a while to be purchased due to the shoe shops being closed and so we are happy to give some flexibility on that until after the Easter holidays. However, we have noticed quite a number of children not wearing the correct coloured tops and PE wear and a number of girls wearing their hair down. For health and safety reasons, it is school policy that any hair that is passed the shoulders should be tied back. We thank you in advance for your support in this.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Take care and keep safe,

*Mrs Jayne Narraway*

Head Teacher



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