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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to say a big welcome back and we hope you and the family have had a lovely holiday.

## Reading

Children will begin to bring reading books home in their folders. They will have up to three books in their folder at any one time.

- 1) Book banded book matched to their level
- 2) A guided reading book that they have been reading in school
- 3) Library book of their own choice

It is beneficial to children if they read aloud their books to an adult at home, a reading record will be sent home so that Parents/Carers can make any comments on their child's reading.

### PE kits

Children should bring their PE kits back to school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September as their physical lessons will begin again this week. It is important that all children have sensible footwear for these sessions such as trainers or plimsolls so that they do not slip. Any child who does not bring kit in to school will be given a spare which has been washed and is clean however we do know that children prefer their own.

# First Aid

We have recently reviewed our procedures in school after a number of our staff have completed their new training. If your child has a minor accident at school and has a grazed knee or scratch we will administer First Aid and then notify you through an accident slip which will be given to you at the end of the school day. If your child has a bump to the head we will give you a phone call to make you aware of the head injury.

## **Allergies and Medication**

If your child has any medication or an inhaler that needs to be taken in the school day, a form must be completed at the school office with a member of the Leadership Team. This is to ensure we have all the correct information and know how best to support your child.

Can we please remind Parents/Carers to regularly renew this medication in school so that it does not run out or expire.

#### Attendance

It is essential that children are in school every day and are on time. Key learning is missed when children are absent from school and this is detrimental to their development.

We will be making phone calls home and conducting home visits to see why your child is not in school and to offer any further support.

Please avoid booking medical and dental appointments within the school day as children are learning from the moment they come to school right up until the very end of the day.

#### Concrete

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal. We understand that parents may want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub.

I hope that this offers reassurance.

### Homework

We realise the importance of children consolidating some of their learning at home and recognise that Parent/Carers wish to be informed of what their children are learning throughout the academic year.

We are therefore holding sessions next week so that Parents/Carers can be shown the types of homework which will be sent home and will be given information on how best to support their child.

Tea and coffee will be provided.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm- Years one and two Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm- Years three and four Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm-Year five and six

#### School uniform

It is wonderful to see so many of our children in school uniform, new stock has been delivered to school so if you are in need of any extra pieces please call to the school office at the beginning or end of the school day to purchase these.

Yours sincerely,

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Linda Hall Head Teacher