

Welcome back again to everyone for Term 3.

All Parents please note that we are absolutely thrilled to be back in our classes in our school building, enjoying the company of friends and fellow staff members.

As you will appreciate, our safety measures are still very much in place and our absolute priority has to be educating our pupils in school every day. None of us want to return to a Remote Learning situation and therefore we are reluctant to take any risks at this early stage of the last term.

At present we are focusing on teaching our pupils, working on the enjoyment of socialisation and meeting all our children's emotional needs after a year of disruption in their young lives. I am certain you will appreciate that we will be maintaining our usual safety measures below to ensure the risks are limited:

- Handwashing and class bubbles.
- One way walking system and adult face covering.
- No schoolbags and no resources sharing.

We are sanitising every day and school is a safe place to be.

While we certainly hope to feel confident easing some of the tighter restrictions in our school this term, for now we seek your support in accepting that any significant changes will not be happening in our provision this year – while we endeavour to get all our children back on track and enjoying the last ten weeks of school without further disruption.

No additional childcare will be provided by school at this time, pre or post hours, so please ensure current arrangement home/school remain in place as we support the learning of our pupils.

Thank you for following our guidelines for entry and exit each day and for helping to keep everyone safe by arriving from 8:40am for the staggered start. This has eased the queuing significantly. It is great to see P5-7 pupils meeting parents after school at an agreed meeting point. This is building confidence and independence. Any parents waiting at the main gate at 2:55pm are welcome to stand at the top of the driveway area, rather than crowding at the roadside. This will help relieve congestion and keep you and the children safe.

We will send further information to you concerning Term 3 Dates/Events and Annual Reports. For those who are hopeful of travelling abroad next year, we will also forward our proposed holiday list for 2021/22 by early May.

As always, thank you for being very vigilant about any illness which presents itself at home and keeping pupils out of school to ensure the risk of spread to others is minimised. We have a number of medically vulnerable children too who need our support in this way.

You will have noticed our school flag has been flown this week at half-mast as a mark of respect at the death of the Duke of Edinburgh.

Mrs Mulligan
Principal