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Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a really positive start to the term and we have all enjoyed seeing the children back in school. Thank you for ensuring that the children come in school uniform and for bearing with us with the late delivery of new jumpers.

The children have adapted well to the new school routine and the school feels very calm and positive. I have been impressed with how many Dojo points the children have earned this week and how the children have been able to tell me what they have been learning.

I have spent some time working with children in Year 3 on their phonics and I am looking forward to starting to teach RE across the school next week. I know that Mr Girdlestone and Miss Higgins are looking forward to teaching PE and that Miss Baker can't wait to get started with teaching Spanish to children in Key Stage Two.

The children have spent this week learning about their class author and I have seen some lovely art work and writing produced. I am looking forward to seeing these displayed around the school soon.

We sent an email out on Wednesday around the importance of social distancing at the school gate at the beginning and end of the day and advising Parents and Carers to wear a mask. Please can I remind everyone that only one person should be dropping off and collecting for each family. It is also important that you leave immediately once you have dropped off or collected, please do not wait for friends or chat at the school gate. This is to ensure the safety of children, parents and staff.

As many of you are aware due to the recent press coverage, we have started a consultation with staff with a number of proposals to the staffing structure for our support staff. We understand that this will be an unsettling time for those members of staff, which is why we wanted to talk to them face to face, rather than send a letter during the summer holidays. I would like to reassure you that we have also provided staff with access to counselling services and support and are exploring wider ways in which we can support them through this. I would ask for you to respect their privacy and the fact that this is a confidential process.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience as we adapt to our new normal and I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Debbie Conroy

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