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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this week. I have never seen so many smiles and happy children!

I, for one, have really missed the buzz of our busy working schools. All children are settling to their learning and the teachers are pleased to be able to work with everyone again in the classroom.

Thank you to all parents who have supported us in wearing masks on-site and observing both social distance and the one-way system- it should hopefully allow us to stay open to more children and reduce the need for class isolation periods. Being vigilant now, despite the steady relaxation of National measures, will ensure we can have as many children on our sites as possible.

Attendance this week has been great at 96% for AJS and 96% for AIS, but I know that we can work together to hit 100% by the end of the half term.

There are a number of children arriving late to school daily. I would like for ALL children to arrive on-time in order they do not miss the start of their learning – every minute counts so we can have the best impact on progress.

Please can I remind everyone that our uniform expectations have not changed; Children need to be wearing the correct uniform, have their long hair tied up fully, wear black shoes and should be wearing only a watch and stud earrings (if their ears are pierced) for safety.

I can fully appreciate that buying shoes in the midst of a National Lockdown is a challenge, and so we are more than happy to lend black pumps and uniform to anyone who is struggling. Please see class teachers or the learning mentors and they will organise this for you.

Covid catch up classes are running across all year groups until Easter when we will look at the children's outcomes and change the groups. Please remember that attendance at these sessions is really important. If class teachers have invited your child to attend, the extra session will have a huge impact on your child's learning and is vital to narrowing any gaps caused by the pandemic.

Can I please ask that any outstanding devices are returned to school no later than Monday 15 March.

Thank you again to all parents for their unfailing support while we navigate these very strange times.

Mrs Robinson
Primary Executive Head Teacher

