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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is wonderful to have all the children back in school and to welcome many new children to our Nursery and Reception classes. The children have settled exceptionally well into the new routines in school and are thoroughly enjoying being back together with their friends, as well as making new friends. Thank you for all the positive support and

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encouragement you have given to your children to enable such a successful return to school. Their resilience, adaptability and respect for each other and the staff team is amazing!

Attendance and punctuality is excellent since we have returned this September. Thank you for working with us to ensure this. In order to ensure drop off and collection arrangements are as safe and smooth as possible, we have reviewed and adapted these over the last week. We appreciate your cooperation with these arrangements, especially as we continue to face an increase in COVID-19 cases locally and nationally.



Transport and parking

Thank you for completing the questionnaire we sent out last week. It is great to see how many children are choosing healthy ways to travel to school. 88% of those who completed the questionnaire travel by walking/cycling/scooter for all or part of their journey, which is excellent! If you need to drive to school, we encourage you to park and stride wherever possible. If you are a Junior School parent, please show respect to patients and staff of the medical centre by never using their car park when collecting your children. Please use The Didsbury car park that is just a short walk away from the Junior School – this is both a healthier and safer choice. Following complaints from some of our neighbours at the First School, please ensure you park legally and safely. We recommend you park at least a 5 minute walk away from school and then walk the rest of the way.



Road Safety

Zoom Curriculum Induction Meetings for Year 1 – Year 6



On Wednesday 16th September @3.45PM and again @ 4.30PM we will be holding two Zoom year group inductions, which will last approximately 20 to 30 minutes. As we are not able to run our usual 'Learning at Home' events this term, due to COVID-19 Health & Safety procedures, we have decided to provide parents and carers with information about their child's year group recovery curriculum and the ways you can support their learning at home

virtually. We will be holding two Zoom year group inductions, which will be delivered by the teachers in each year group. We will also share the Powerpoints after the events on our website year group class pages. However, if you can attend in person, please do, as we will have the chat option open for you to ask any questions of the year group team about the Curriculum. Your child's year group zoom log in details will be emailed to you next week.

Remote Learning



In the event that a class or year group bubble needs to temporarily close or individual children and staff need to self-isolate because of COVID-19, we are currently reviewing and redeveloping how our remote learning will be provided alongside our teaching and learning in school. We will share the details of this in the coming weeks, but in the meantime, teachers are communicating individually with parents, carers and children to meet their individual needs if they are in self-isolation.



Reading Books



We are delighted that we have many new reading books in school for the children this year. However, we also appear to be missing quite a few reading books, which children will have had at home prior to lockdown last year. Please can you check at home and return any school books from last year as soon as possible – thank you.

Diary dates and events

All class year group information and details of events continue to be sent to you through your child's year group staff team. These are also made available on our website and school app.

Please see below a few whole school dates and events this half term. The dates for the school year are also available on our school website and app. These are updated regularly each half term, so please do continue to check the website and app for updates.



Whole school event dates this half term include....

- Wednesday 16th September – Curriculum Induction meetings for Years 1 - 6
- Monday 21st September – Global Goals Week
- Friday 25th September – MacMillan Coffee Morning – Bake off competition in school
- Thursday 1st October – National Poetry Day
- Friday 9th October – Mental Health Day (Wear Yellow Non Uniform Day)
- Tuesday 20th October – Parents Evening via Zoom
- Wednesday 21st October – Parents Evening via Zoom
- Thursday 22nd October – School Closes at the end of the day for Half Term
- Friday 23rd October – School Closed for Staff Training Day

Parents Evening arrangements

Due to our current health and safety arrangements, this year parents evenings will be held via online zoom appointments or via telephone if you prefer. Ten minute appointments will be available to book via your school spider parent login from Monday 21st September. Once your appointment is booked, you will be sent your individual zoom log in details and information the week before your appointment. If you would prefer a telephone appointment, please let your teacher know. Appointments will be strictly 10 minutes, so please make sure you attend on time and understand that your teacher cannot give you extra time or swap appointment times once they have been set up.



School Building and Grounds Improvements



We have numerous building improvements planned for this year. You may have already noticed the roof repairs currently in progress at the Junior school. Unfortunately, there has been a design issue meaning extensive roof leaks into the Junior school building and the art room suffering flooding. These are now being rectified and we hope the new design will keep us dry in future!

We are delighted that we have been successful in our funding bid to replace the external fencing and railings around the First

School site. This work will be starting soon and we look forward to much higher and safer fencing as well as wider entrance gates. More details will follow soon about how and when the work will take place. We will also be in touch later in the term about the replacement floors in the First School.



We are very pleased to be able to continue our playground developments at the First School now we are back in school and the playground company is operational again. We are currently planning for the next phase of the KS1 playground and now have plans ready to share with you soon for our new Early Years outdoor area. Once the fencing work is completed, we will be able to plan dates for these new installations during the year.

If you have any further questions or queries about anything this half term, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Liz Hardy

Executive Headteacher



ARTICLE 3 (Best interests of the child)

The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.

