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Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you have had a restful, good summer holiday. It has been lovely to see all the children return happily and keen to try their best. We are very proud of them. We would also like to welcome new children to the school from the Nursery and Reception classes.

Further to the guidance that we sent out yesterday that came from Herefordshire Acting Director of Public Health, Dr Rebecca Howell-Jones stating the following:

*Children's education has been severely disrupted during the course of the pandemic. In light of the successful roll out of vaccination, as schools return in September the government has stepped down some of the measures that reduced the COVID-19 spread, such as bubbles and facemasks. However, there will still be additional cleaning and ventilation in our schools in the new term.*

Can we also endorse the advice to get your COVID-19 vaccine, it is not too late. Please book your vaccination today at [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/) or go to [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/grabajab](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/grabajab) to find a drop-in clinic. Remember, everyone aged 16 and over is now eligible for COVID-19 vaccination.

We have had advice from government guidelines, Local Authority and Public Health England and have adapted our Risk Assessment accordingly. Please find this attached. You can also find it on our website.

We appreciate your support whilst we are living with this pandemic and changing previous procedures to try to get back to some normality. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are regularly reviewing and monitoring current procedures and updating systems accordingly. Please be assured that we have your child's best interest at heart and will always prioritise safety.

It's been wonderful to see your children dressed so smartly in their school uniform. Please can we remind you that the purple hoodies, although smart, are for PE days only as these form part of the PE uniform. If you are unsure what the current uniform is, please see our website.

We are extremely excited to introduce two new events happening next week. Mr Peet is starting Forest Schools next week with 5BT, 4NP and 1RH. These are the lucky classes to experience it first and have received information regarding this. Other classes will experience Forest School this term and Mr Peet will be in touch when it is their turn.

We are also starting Wrap around care after school from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. We are offering this service from 3.15 – 5.30 daily for all our children. You should have received more information about this after school yesterday through a poster your child has brought home and information will be on our website. We are offering fun, themed days for the children, for



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example cooking and construction to name but a few for the children to enjoy. Children will also receive a snack and a drink. We do have some availability, so if you would like to book your child a space or require further information, please contact the office. Mrs Gunnell has been instrumental in launching this and we would like to say thank you for all her hard work. We are sure this service will benefit many parents and carers. We will be also returning some sport after school clubs. These will resume on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September and you will receive information regarding these, shortly.

You should have received a newsletter from the year group your child / children are in that will give information that is relevant to their year group, including what they are learning this term.

Year groups are organising exciting and fun ways to engage your child and make their learning memorable. These include outdoor trips and you will be receiving information from your child's year group.

If you have any concerns, please contact either your child's teacher or Mrs Bristow, Head of Early Years, if your child is in Nursery / Reception, Mrs Eckley-Gardner, Assistant Head of Years 1/2/3 or Miss Cartwright, Assistant Head of years 4/5/6. If you have a special Educational Needs query, please contact Mrs Hough for Nursery / Reception / Year 1/2 children or Mrs Watts if your child is in years 3,4,5, and 6.

We look forward to a busy and enriched term where we will be providing plenty of opportunities for your child.

Kind Regards

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