

It has been lovely to hear children's voices and laughter again in the corridors of school. Everyone appears to have had a good day with lots of smiles and friendships re-united. Despite a bit of chaos this morning, all children arrived at the right classroom and have been working hard all day (when they weren't washing their hands ...which was frequent!!)

Whilst I completely understand the anxiety and excitement of bringing children to school (after a 6 month gap for some) on the first day, please can I ask if you can stick as near as possible to the allocated times for drop-off and pick-up so we don't have too many parents queuing at the same time. **Can you please make sure you also adhere to social distancing whilst waiting for your child. I am sure we want to make the whole experience as safe as we possibly can for everyone.**

Just to explain some of the reasoning behind what we have asked you to do.

- The reason we have asked for no school bags to be brought into school and for any packed lunches to be brought in disposable containers is to reduce the number of items being brought to and from school, but also because we felt cloakrooms were a place where it was most difficult to get the children to socially distance. All that the children bring to school, consequently, is kept under their desk or hung on the back of their chair so that they are moving around as little as possible in the classroom.
- Mrs Chesney and Mrs Gray have very kindly bought water-bottles for their class so Year 5 do not even need to bring water bottles.
- All homework will be set on Seesaw or Class Dojo, so there is no need to have the reading record books passed between home and school. Please could you note **on Sundays, on Class Dojo or Seesaw** how many times your child has read at home each week for class-teachers to move the child's name around the Read Around?
- Moving forward, reading books will be changed each Monday and Thursday (if finished) because the DfE have said that books should rest without anyone touching them for a couple of days before being sent to another home. This could be shown by uploading a photo of your child's reading record.

We will re-introduce more Breakfast Club places as soon as we can and re-establish After School Club too. I am sure you understand that we are doing our best in circumstances unfamiliar to us all and want to have confidence that we are keeping everyone as safe as possible.

Thank-you for trusting us with your children again. It's been a great start to the term!