



Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to see all children return to school happy yesterday. I led a whole school virtual assembly; seeing the children's faces light up as they waved at each other on the screen was just fantastic. We listened to 'Don't Worry, be Happy' and 'Lean on Me' and started the day full of hope and joy.

We have updated all of our risk assessments and are endeavouring to keep our whole school family safe. Your children may have mentioned that all teachers are now wearing masks/face coverings in class at all times; this has not caused any issues for the children at all.

We are very aware of the underlying anxieties and worries the children may have; we have lived through a year of a pandemic and our children have had to develop a resilience that we didn't know they had. We are incredibly proud of them all and every member of staff is hoping and praying schools do not have to close again. Factored into our planning over the next few weeks are wellbeing and mindfulness sessions. Staff are ensuring there is time in everyday to talk to the children to ensure everyone's voice is heard.

I have had lots of queries about children bringing bags to school. To help reduce the rate of transmission we ask that children do not bring bags to school. All they need is a water bottle and their lunch bag (which we ask that you clean with antibac each day).

Children only need to bring their reading book/reading record on their reading day (we have lots of books in school to hear children read more frequently if needed).

PE kits should be brought into school and remain in school until Easter-not brought in twice a week.

I am also aware of the difficulties facing parents around buying new school shoes and the financial pressures around uniform as your child grows. If you need any support with uniform costs please contact the school office and we will try our best to help. If your child has outgrown school shoes please let us know if they will be wearing alternative shoes for a short period of time. Summer uniform can be worn after the Easter break.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Warmest regards,

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Head of School

*Serve the Lord in gladness*

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