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Dear Parent/Carer

4th September 2024

Re: Welcome Back

I hope everyone has had an amazing summer and welcome back to the new academic year!

As you can imagine it has been a very hectic (and stressful) summer with a huge amount of building and refurbishment taking place over the last six weeks. The company managing the project have their cleaning teams in school today to do the final clean-up and I have a 'snagging' meeting this afternoon with the contractor and insurance company.

Our team have been in school since Monday 2nd September to unpack and organise the new furniture and prepare the Learning Zones for our children to return on Thursday. The newly refurbished areas look amazing and we are all very excited to share these areas with you and the children.

As such, I would like to invite you to visit the new areas on 16th

On Thursday morning, all children should enter the school via the main gates to the school yard. Please note that children in Nursery should no longer use the back door. Please do not go along the back path of the school because the Nursery gate will be locked for safeguarding reasons. Staff will be ready on the yard to welcome everyone and ensure everyone gets to the right learning zone.

If your child is in Sapphire (Key Stage One) please remember that they will have PE first thing on Thursday morning and following my letter of 15th July, all of our younger children in Pearl, Opal, Amethyst and Sapphire (2 year old provision, 3-5 Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) should bring a PE kit into school and will now get changed in school. This change is due to the fact that self-care skills, fine motor skills and independence in dressing are all elements of their curriculum which can be reinforced by getting changed for PE.

My letter of 15th July 2024 (on our school website) give details of PE times for all learning zones.

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I understand that the first day back after a long break can be daunting and confusing so please – if in doubt just ask! Please ring Mrs Gurbillon in the school office if you have any queries, speak to me on the school gate or speak to your child's Class Teacher – we are all here to help.

See you tomorrow when the gates open at 8.50am.

Yours sincerely

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