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Dear Parents and Carers

A New Start!

I would like to start by saying what a great start to the week we have had in school, thanks to all the children, families and staff. There is a real buzz in school with the sound of all the children in the classrooms and playgrounds. It is a pleasure to see classrooms full and the smiling faces – of children, staff and parents/carers; it feels like a real positive step forward for the whole school community. Thank you also for following the drop-off and pick up instructions, it all helps to keep everyone safe at what are potentially busy times.

Our main focus now all the children are back is the children's wellbeing and assessment of learning that has taken place so far, this academic year. We have organized interventions where necessary and will be ensuring the children have a good understanding of all the work they have undertaken whilst learning at home and are able to build on this confidently.

Remote Learning

Our remote learning has now come to an end for everyone; it will however continue to be offered to children and families that are unable to attend school **due to COVID 19** – eg isolating or awaiting test results or bubble closures. We have had a very high rate of engagement with our remote learning, both through Teams and printed packs. I would like to personally thank everyone, families, staff and children for the hard work that has gone into making this a success.

It has been great to see the work and photos of activities that children have taken part in over the last half term. Some children have brought work in to school with them today, which is testament to their enjoyment and pride in what they have achieved. Well done everyone!

I would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short survey. The link for this is:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=zl6UE4bII0Gph3jm4IAbk9g6RKMvIbZPqXXyqQjBb05UQkvYME1KVExDWjc2NjNJSVBTvjRKRjRLSi4u>

As a reflective school it is important that we learn from our experiences and look to how we could use the skills and knowledge we have gained to support children's education and community engagement in the future.

COVID Measures in School

Until further notice, we will be continuing with all the measures we use in school to keep everyone safe. These measures are balanced with the children's wellbeing and our ability to deliver our exciting and broad curriculum. These include but are not limited to:

- Staggered drop offs and pick ups
- More regular hand washing and use of sanitizer
- Staying in consistent bubbles – classes
- Promoting the 'Catch it, bin it!' approach to respiratory hygiene
- Doors and windows open to increase ventilation
- Using timetables for communal areas, breaks, lunch etc to ensure social distancing between bubbles and members of staff is as effective as possible
- Following the KMS guidance if someone starts to display symptoms in school
- Regularly reviewing our risk assessments

I believe our record of COVID cases in school to date shows how hard everyone is working for the good of the whole school community. If you would like any more information about how we are keeping safe in school please refer to the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>

Reminder! – If you need to contact school out of school hours please use the this email: federation.covidsupport@linthwaiteclough.co.uk

The Next Three Weeks – Things to Look Forward To!

We will be busy in school over the next three weeks with science week this week, Easter themed lunch on the Thursday 18 and Comic Relief on Friday 19 March, when children will be able to dress up (theme to be confirmed).

We will be keeping you all up to date with newsletters and look forward to a time when we can invite you into school again.

Kind regards

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