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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I am pleased to say that we have had a fantastic start to the new school year – your children have been delightful. The teachers are so happy to see the children reconnecting with their friends (some of them have not met for a very long time) – there have been lots of smiles and laughter. Children all seem to have adapted to the Bubble system very well and our hygiene routines are well established to keep them safe.

Morning and afternoon routines

The system for dropping children off at the start and picking up at the end of the day seem to be going well, despite a few early teething problems. We thank you for your patience and feedback about the systems we have put in place. A couple of things would improve the system further:

- Please **maintain a 1m+ social distance** from other parents and carers when waiting at the gates.
- Please **do not stand on the roads** whilst waiting

I understand that there is very limited room at the gates, even though we are using all the gates possible and we have staggered the start/end of the day times for each Bubble. However, these measures have to be everyone's top priority if we are to keep everyone as safe as possible.

I would **encourage you to wear a mask** (as you would do when out shopping) as an additional measure at these busy collection times too.

If your child is late and misses their Bubble timeslot at the gate then you will need to wait until 9.00 am and then enter through the main entrance gate. Your child cannot enter with children from another Bubble. These measures are to keep your child and other children safe. Please try to be on time as late arrivals cause disruption on the gates. Thank you.

PE lessons

Formal PE lessons (in the hall) start next week, although some classes have had some outdoor PE already this week. Please send your child to school in their PE kits and if it is cold, they can wear dark coloured tracksuit/joggers or leggings with their school jumper over their T Shirt. There is no need to being a school uniform in on these days – children will stay in PE kits all day.

Lunch Menus

You child should have brought a CaterEd lunch choice menu home today (it is on website too). We are trying to expand the choice available but please note that **we can only offer the COLD MENU CHOICES at the moment** so please only choose from that side of the menu.

Welcome to all our new children!

Lastly, **a special 'hello' to all the new children and families joining us this year**, especially our very youngest children in Foundation Fox Cubs and Bear Cubs. I hope you are enjoying your first few adventures at school!

Have a lovely weekend everyone and see you on Monday,

Yours faithfully

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