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Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well.

What a wonderful couple of weeks it has been. It has been so uplifting to see and hear more children at school! Since 2nd June, as well as our Key Worker children we have welcomed back children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Each and every child has settled in amazingly. I have been so impressed with how they have all adapted to the different ways school is working.

The resilience of our children is something to behold and we are so proud of all of our children. I include in this the children who continue to be home schooled. I hope all of our children at home are keeping safe and well. Thank you again to all of the families who are supporting their children at home, you have done an incredible job. Please continue to refer to Class Dojo for learning activities for your children.

Keeping Children Safe at School

We continue to follow guidance from the Government to ensure we keep your child as safe as we possibly can. As this guidance changes we will change our practice.

- ensure parents are advised to keep children with any symptoms at home
- ensure parents keep distance when dropping off, collecting or talking with staff and other parents
- ensure staff who are symptomatic do not attend work
- frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices
- regular cleaning of settings
- minimising contact and mixing

Physical distancing between groups

While it is not expected that children and staff within a group will keep 2 metres apart, it is important for us to keep in place reduced contact between groups of children and staff as far as much as possible, for example by ensuring children and staff remain in their set 'bubbles' and that this small group stays away from other groups.

If you have any questions about how we are keeping your child safe, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Now the government have announced that schools will not be opening any more wider for the rest of this year, I am planning how we could see the children one last time before September at a socially distant event, more news on this to follow in the near future.

Please continue to look out for the weekly prayers and songs that Miss Azzopardi posts on Class Dojo so that all at home can be involved in everything we do in school.

Whether children are accessing in school learning or home learning through Class Dojo we are committed to ensuring that all of our children are receiving the same lessons for learning. One of these areas is focusing on transition for all children. The lessons will encourage children to reflect on the range of opportunities and challenges that they might experience as they move from one key stage or class to the next, as well as how they can manage these. Children will also be able to analyse different sources of support and assess who and what can help them, both during school closures and in the future. Finally, children are given the opportunity to celebrate their successes in school so far.

The lessons help children to:

- identify feelings about moving to the next key stage.
- explore the impact of school closures on transition.
- describe the changes that can occur as they move to the next key stage.
- assess the challenges of transition and strategies to manage these.
- identify sources of support.

Further information on end of year school reports will be sent in the near future.

Thank you for your continuing support and stay safe

Kind regards

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