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4th September 2020,

Dear Parents,

Well the first few days back have been hectic, different but ultimately successful. This is mainly due to the hard work of the staff, the incredible understanding support from yourselves and of course the resilience and brilliance of the amazing children in this school who have (as ever) taken everything in their stride. Fantastic!

I thought I would explain some of the systems we have in place, what is going well and observations so far. I know that many of you are waiting anxiously with regards to After School Club and Breakfast Club. There is little doubt that with peoples working arrangements changing so much during this time, we have to assess the demand for wrap around care before we can give a final view on this. Thank you for your patience I hope to be in a position to let you know arrangements for the rest of this term really soon.

I know one or two parents have asked if they can drop their child off early because of work commitments. Unfortunately we cannot allow this. Most of you will appreciate the incredible balancing act we are performing at the moment to maintain the guidance and I am afraid that we all have our parts to play in this. My main observation is the need for all of us, parents and staff to be as punctual as possible to maintain these safety arrangements.

We have installed outdoor sinks to aid our handwashing routine, we have staggered break times and lunchtimes and we have segregated the dining hall. These measures have been put in place to minimise the need for classes to mix.

Other observations surround lunchboxes. It would be really helpful if wipeable rather than fabric lunchboxes were brought to school. This isn't mandatory, just a consideration.

The September Risk Assessment is posted on our website for your information.

Curriculum: As you know we really enjoy teaching a broad and balanced curriculum here at Bussage Primary School. We will be spending the start of this year assessing where the children are in their learning and looking to put in support to help them to catch up where appropriate. There will be an emphasis this term on maintaining the balance between catching up in English and maths, helping the children integrate back into school life and teaching our 'normal' curriculum. Therefore, some of the learning might look a little different over the coming weeks.



Head Lice: From time to time, I write out to parents to check their child's hair and be vigilant for any unwanted 'guests' during the start of the year. Thank you in advance, on behalf of all of the school community for your support in this.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A Ferguson', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

A Ferguson
Head Teacher