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Dear Parents,

As our first week back draws to a close, I just wanted to touch base with you all.

### **Welcome back**

Firstly I have to say how enormously impressed we have all been with the high level of engagement with Remote Learning during the period in which the school was shut. It is clear that the vast majority of children participated brilliantly judging by the quality (and quantity) of the work they have brought back this week. This will be of huge benefit to the children as we move forward through the rest of the year. So my thanks go to the staff for getting to grips so quickly with a whole new way of teaching, parents for getting behind them and working so hard on home learning and of course to the children for showing the amazing resilience they have, in getting on with the job of learning during these tricky times. Well done everyone!

### **Settling in**

We are now entering a period of adjustment for everyone. Getting the children (and staff) used to full classrooms again, integrating everyone into the operational systems of the new way of running the school and getting used to being around people again, will all play a huge part of the next few weeks. During this time, we will be gently assessing where the children are academically and socially, before we start to roll out a plan of support for the summer term.

### **Communication**

Whilst we still have Google Classrooms as a resource, it is not being used currently and therefore any emails on the system are no longer being monitored. Any communications with teachers during this period revert back to coming through the email address at the top of this letter. Many thanks.

### **Newsletters**

During the lockdown period, most of my communications were weekly. As we ease back to some normality, I shall be reverting to fortnightly newsletters moving forward.



**Step into School Challenge:**

Bussage will be taking part in a challenge which we have been set by Atlas Sports. They would love to see children active in their travel to school.

The challenge will be as follows:

- For every active journey a child completes on their way to school they achieve 1 point
- These points contribute to a school total and will be compared to the school you're competing against in that week, can you beat the fellow school?
- Children are welcome to walk, jog, hike, scoot, or bike to school to achieve the points
- If children need to drive, we encourage them to park up short of the school to walk the 5 mins or so a regular journey will take.
- Your teachers will tally the points, provide a total for each class to contribute to a school total and that total will be sent to Atlas Sports.
- This challenge will be active from 15<sup>th</sup> March to 21<sup>st</sup> May, providing a great opportunity to be active for the spring time.

Please see the poster attached.

Kind regards

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Head Teacher