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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the first of the summer terms. We've enjoyed a great couple of weeks back at school with lots of exciting learning launches going on across the year groups.

Just a few points and reminders this week:

### **Support Staff**

You might have noticed that some of the Teaching Assistants have moved year groups or now might be supporting different children. We always use support staff carefully to meet pupil need, and when need changes we have to make adjustments to staffing. Please do say hello to any new support staff that you notice in your child's class or year group – and be patient with them as they learn all of the adult faces when calling the children at the end of the day.

### **Warmer Weather**

We are hopeful that the sunshine will return – so with that in mind, when the days do get sunny, please put SPF 50 on your children before they come to school. Also, please provide your child with a sunhat to wear on sunny days. As with all uniform and items brought in to school, if their name is clearly displayed you'll have more chance of being reunited with it in the event of it going missing

### **Reward Shop**

We have launched a new reward system in school which is going brilliantly. Each child has a reward ticket on which they can receive 20 hole punches. Once they have earned these they can spend them in our 'reward shop' – there will be many items they can choose for one ticket. Alternatively they can save us their tickets and choose something for 40 holes, or 60 holes... If you imagine an amusement arcade style ticket system you're on the right lines. The children are so excited and our older children will be running the shop on a Friday too.

### **Reminder for children**

Please can you remind your children to push scooters and bikes on and off the playground. It can cause quite a hazard when they are scooting at speed when the playground is quite busy – especially at the end of the day. A gentle reminder too about them picking up cardigans and jumpers after break times would really help. I will remind them of these points in assemble today but it always helps to have this reinforced from home.

### **Parents Evening**

Lots of parents have been asking, so I just wanted to let you know that we do have parents meetings in the diary for

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after 21<sup>st</sup> June – we hope that this means we will be able to hold meetings in person and we will confirm the date nearer the time as we will know more about government recommendations. If we are unable to hold in person meetings we will of course arrange an opportunity for you to meet with teachers via Teams.

### **Parking**

Parking is an issue that continues to be difficult around the academy and will only get worse until we are at capacity in 2022. Please do not park your car (even if you are just dropping off) on Oakhill Drive unless it is on a safe and legal place. The congested traffic is not only dangerous to children who are crossing but also means staff can't get in and out of our car park and residents are becomingly increasingly grumpy too. I have no powers of enforcement (I can only use these in the academy 😊) – but would appeal to you all as parents to look after all children in the same way as you would want your own children looked after. There is plenty of safe parking available in surrounding roads.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday Weekend and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

Yours,  
Clare