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An Update and Thank You from the Acting Headteacher

Dear parents/carers,

Firstly, and most importantly, I hope that this update finds you all safe and well. I thought I would take this opportunity to let you all know how life has been in our new look school, at the end of the first week back.

On Monday 1st June, exactly a month after taking on the role of Acting Headteacher, we welcomed back our first wave of children. What a spectacular day it was too! Not quite how I imagined my first day as a Headteacher but a special one nevertheless. The moment the children came onto the school grounds for the first time in months, everything seemed 'almost normal'. Normal apart from the reduced numbers, the social distancing measures and the heightened sense of anxiety from staff, pupils and parents. The children quickly alleviated any concerns we may have had as they bounded into school with huge smiles on their faces! It made all the planning and hard work preparing our setting worthwhile. We were a school once more!

I am delighted to inform you that this week has been an overwhelming success. The feedback I have received from parents has been brilliant and I am so proud that we have coordinated the safe opening of our school in an effective and professional way. It makes me proud knowing that you, our parents, have entrusted us to look after the most precious things in your lives.

I am not naive enough to think that the hard work ends there though. This week, we welcomed back only 10% of our school's capacity, based on the advice and guidance of Liverpool City Council. We are working hard canvassing more parents - particularly those with children in Year 6. In the coming days, Liverpool City Council will be advising us whether or not we can welcome back any more children and we want to be as prepared as possible. The next wave of children returning to school will be Year 6 - but only if it is safe to do so. We are eagerly awaiting advice from the Local Authority. If we are instructed to welcome more children back, I will write to those parents, outlining the measure we have in place to keep our whole school community safe. **Please do not send your child back into school unless you have been advised to do so by myself. I am writing to parents of returning pupils individually, via email.**

I know that many of you are keen to send your own children back, however we must do this in a measured way - listening to the advice from Liverpool City Council, the Department for Education and the Trade Unions. As soon as I know more, I will write to you all.



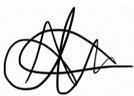
Over the last couple of days, our 'Working from Home' team have been getting stuck into providing additional resources for the children to enjoy, ensuring that we are supporting all of our pupils, on site and off, as best as possible! Next week, you will also notice an increased amount of work being posted on our Class Dojo system. We are trying hard to improve the quality of home learning tasks and we see this as a brilliant platform to execute this. Mr Baillie is coordinating the new approach and the team are working hard to ensure this is in place and up and running. If you have any questions about this system, please do email Mr Baillie who will be more than happy to help: k.baillie@fmp.liverpool.sch.uk

Many of you would've also received another 'Safe and Well' call from one of our team - just making sure that you are all ok. If you haven't already, please do expect a call from one of our amazing team in the very near future.

Lastly, I would like to thank you all for your flexibility, patience and encouragement at the moment. The task of getting this right is hard enough without a critical finger being pointed! Don't get me wrong, we welcome feedback and please do feel free to raise any concerns you may have. We want to get this right for everyone involved. We are all in this together after all.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Take care and stay safe.



Mr Leach
Acting Headteacher

