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Dear Parents/Carers

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow, Wednesday 2nd September, for the new academic year.

Building Work

The summer holiday has allowed the builders time to continue apace with the work on the Medical/First Aid Room and we are delighted that it is now really beginning to take shape. The work will be continuing when the children return to school, but there will be no contact between the building area and children. We are hopeful that the work will be completed, on schedule, by the October half term holiday.

Return to School

At the end of the summer term, we sent out a letter confirming details regarding the full school re-opening including pick-ups and drop-offs. We would ask that you please re-read this letter to familiarise yourself with the details relevant to your child/ren as it is imperative that we all follow the procedures to the letter to make the children's entrance and exit from school safe and smooth. Please note, we have made two key changes:

- The original letter stated that children in Years 3 & 4 should be dropped off/picked up from the main gates, this should have said **Key Stage 2 wooden gates**.
- Year 2 children will no longer be entering and exiting the school via the front entrance. **They will now be met by a member of staff at the end of the path and enter class through the side wooden gate by the class. Parents/carers will say goodbye at this point and leave by the parent pathway arrows.**
- Children in year 2 will be collected from the wooden KS2 gates.

An amended version of the letter is being resent together with this letter for your information and can also be found on the website.

Home School Agreement

We will be sending you an updated version of the Home School Agreement which we would ask that you read, acknowledge and agree to via Survey Monkey links sent out tomorrow.

Masks

Over the course of the summer break, there has been new guidance about the use of masks in schools, most of which is relevant primarily to secondary schools; in primary schools, there is no expectation or requirement for pupils to wear face coverings. In line with government guidance, however, we have advised our own staff that they are entitled to wear a mask or face shield should they wish to. If your child has a medical need to wear a face mask, please let us know.

Finally, we want to reassure you as you prepare your children for the return to school, that although there are some changes in and around the site and to the school day, we are still the same, nurturing school as ever looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school. If you have any concerns about the return to school, please do not hesitate to contact us via telephone or email to the school office: cheapsidecofe@rbwm.org.uk.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Yours sincerely

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