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Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Welcome Back!**

It feels brilliant to be able to say that after such a strange time. We have all been looking forward to welcoming all the children and their families back to school. As you know, we still had between 30%-50% of the children with us each day during the summer term but it is great to know that we have everyone under one roof this week.

As you can imagine, we have put a lot of thought into how we can make the new school year a success and I want to reassure you again that we have a robust Risk Assessment which has been agreed by the Trust. We have just done our first online assemblies of the year which each class really enjoyed. We are still the same school that you know and love.

However, there are new systems and routines that we have put into place to make sure that we can keep everyone safe and sound. We are confident that things are going to go smoothly, but also know that we will need to make one or two little tweaks if we discover that things can be improved. We have always prided ourselves on being a forward-thinking school that wants to be the best that it can be. Judging by the results of the parent and staff questionnaires, this is something that we achieve. We also know that there are times when things need to be adapted so that they can work even better.


I have been genuinely touched by the kind words and support that we have had as a team from families since last March and feel that we are a stronger school as a result. There are some things that we tried during lockdown that have been a great success and we will continue with them this school year. For example, using Microsoft Teams to hold Annual Reviews and keep in touch with families. We will continue having a strong online presence to keep everyone informed of school developments and individual successes.

As we are all aware of the national news in regards to an increased number of Covid cases, please complete an online Learning Plan audit that will help us gather key information should we have to close class bubbles/school or go into a local lockdown. Please kindly reply by 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Please follow the link

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We are planning a full year of events but we know that some may not happen because of current restrictions. We will do our best to make this a happy, successful year for all of the children but hope that you understand that there may not be as many opportunities for you to come in to school to see your children or us.

This will be quite a short newsletter for now but I wanted to welcome you back and to say how glad we are at GANF to be able to say that!


Yours sincerely

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