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Dear Parents and Carers

Sharing Autumn Term Events and Meeting Together Remotely

I hope my letter finds you all well. I wanted to write and thank you all for your patience and understanding with regard to all of the new processes and routines we have put into place as we have commenced the new school year. Staggered drop-offs in the mornings are working very smoothly, and prompt pick-ups and social distancing at the end of the school day have improved - now we are getting used to sending children to the playground at the allocated time for the *oldest or only child in each family*.

The final few weeks of the summer term enabled us to try out new systems, and as a result the children appear to have settled well into their new classes. They have quickly become used to learning and having break times and lunches in class bubbles, following one way systems, sharing Collective Worship remotely between classes and washing and sanitising their hands very regularly.

Keeping our pupils, their families and our staff safe in the current circumstances is vitally important and we must all adhere to the guidance, for as long as is necessary. Of course, we are all missing the sense of community and togetherness that we usually enjoy – stopping to chat on the playground, inviting volunteers in to help out in classrooms, celebrating children’s achievements through School Meetings and marking important times though shared Collective Worship – but we’re confident that these events and others, that contribute to our ‘Woodborough Magic’, will resume in time.

This term, our calendar of events would ordinarily see us extending warm invitations for you to attend our Welcome Service (30th September), Mrs Parry’s Phonics Workshop (30th September), Parents’ Evenings (week beginning 12th October), Taster Sessions (dates TBC), school tours for pre-school children and their parents and lots more. However, in the light of the current Government guidance, and more rigorous restrictions this week, we are busy preparing alternative arrangements to ensure that these events will still take place, albeit remotely. More information and joining details will follow very soon, so please keep those events and dates in your diaries, but for this term at least, make plans to join us from the comfort of your homes, in front of a fully charged remote device and with a large mug of tea or coffee.

It’s not the Woodborough School way to be deterred or defeated by the obstacles that come our way... together we will think around things and find a way to do things differently for a while. The PTA have paved the way by using Zoom for their forthcoming AGM and last week we shared RE Day videos from each of our classes. All ideas and suggestions are most welcome, and patience and understanding will continue to be required whilst we get things right. So thank you in anticipation of your support, and we will very much look forward to ‘seeing’ you and working together from a distance, and via other means, as the term continues.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Brewis, Headteacher



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