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Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to offer you all a warm welcome for the new academic year. I am very excited to finally be taking up my role as Headteacher and I am looking forward to having a positive impact on the school and all of our pupils. The staff have all been working very hard over the summer to ensure the school environment looks fantastic and that the curriculum is fully resourced and ready to go! Your child is in for a wonderful year of learning and experiences.

We have spent part of the first inset day discussing what our goals are as a school and how we are going to achieve them. As part of this we have revisited our purpose, how we will achieve it and what we will achieve. Ultimately, our vision is to **Enrich, Educate and Equip** all of our pupils to be successful... to bring out **the best in everyone**. As your new headteacher, it is my role to provide the opportunities, environment and support for all of our staff and pupils to thrive. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is something I can do to support you or your child. You can either contact me through the school office or I will aim to be on the school gate at the start or end of the day as often as possible. I look forward to meeting and working with you all to make this vision a reality.

This upcoming year is, hopefully, going to be a complete return to normal after over two years of disruption and a scaling down of what we can offer as a school. As a result, we are looking to remove some Covid-19 measures that were in place and confirm the continuation of some measures that have worked well. Please see below for details.

### The school day

In order to maximise the time teachers and TAs have together to prepare for the school day, we are changing the timings of the start of the school day back to the pre-Covid arrangements. The drop off window will return to 8:45am to 8:50am, when registration closes. After 8:50am children will need to go to the office. We appreciate this lowers the flexibility we offer families, but it will have a positive impact on the teaching and learning provision we can offer in school.

We acknowledge that this change is very short notice before the start of term and may have an impact on your childcare arrangements. We will therefore offer a free-of-charge breakfast club provision from 8:30am in the hall. We hope most families will be able to return to the 8:45am drop off time and the breakfast club option should only be used if absolutely necessary. Please note access will only be given at 8:30am, children arriving after this time will have to wait until 8:45am to enter the school via their classrooms.

Ladybirds and Caterpillars will continue to start the morning sessions at 8:30am

The end of the school day will continue to be 3:15pm for all children.

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### **Drive Through Drop Off**

I am very pleased to confirm that our 'Drive Through Drop Off' service will continue to be available from 8:30am to 8:50am. Any child using this service will be taken by a member of staff to breakfast club in the hall or straight to their classroom, depending on the time they arrive.

### **Gates**

I am pleased to confirm that all families arriving at the start and end of the day are welcome to access the school through the gate of your choice.

### **Parents Evening & Open Afternoons**

Over the last couple of years all parents evenings have moved online. This provides positives, such as it is easier for parents/carers to access without the need for childcare, but we do lose some face to face contact. We have therefore sought to find a solution that provides the best of both worlds. Parents evenings will continue to be online, but we will also hold open afternoons where you can visit your child's classroom straight after the school day and meet your child's teacher face to face. More details on this will be provided in due course.

### **Uniform and PE Uniform**

Please ensure your child returns to school in the full, correct uniform and school shoes. We are very aware that the cost of living crisis is hitting families' budgets and we are pleased to confirm that the only branded clothing we require is a jumper or cardigan. Please do contact the school, however, if you need support with uniform for the upcoming school year.

PE kit days have been a real success and are here to stay. It is still important that our pupils look smart however and are wearing the correct PE uniform, including plain navy long-sleeved tops and bottoms as we enter the colder months.

I am really looking forward to welcoming the children back to Hanwell Fields and getting to know them and their families. I am sure this is going to be a fantastic school year!

Yours faithfully,

Alex Pearson