Monday 7th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was absolutely wonderful to welcome our new Reception children and their families to Joy Lane this morning for the start of their education with us. I was so very proud of how they settled with their class teachers and of how very smart they looked. As ever, there were more tears from the adults than the children on this momentous day for us all.

As communicated in previous letters, the children and staff will now move to Year Group Bubbles - this will allow us to function as an educational establishment and give us some more academic flexibility by introducing phonics groupings, interventions and shared break and lunch times; this is vital for their well-being and their recovery curriculum and is line with other Primary Schools.

However, for the most part, please be reassured that during the majority of the school day, children will be based in their pastoral classes. As we introduce Year Group Bubbles, the children will start with sharing lunchtimes and playtimes, and at this stage, we will not be going into any year group setting or having large assembly gatherings. We will restrict the movement of most adults between the classrooms as much as possible, and Bubbles will still have staggered entry and exit times, playtimes and lunchtimes. We have a very robust and rigorous cleaning regime in place before, after and during the school day and will continue to review all our systems and procedures in line with government guidance.

The safety of our School community is paramount, and I am attaching our Reopening Risk Assessment for your information; this will be updated weekly or as necessary and will be posted to the website each week. Please click here

Many thanks for your ongoing continued support during these challenging times.

Yours Sincerely,

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