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Dear Parents and Carers,

Children! How wonderful it is at last to be fully open and to welcome back all of our children...it has been a great first week back. There is a real buzz and energy around the school and the staff have worked hard to make the children feel settled, secure, happy and inspired.

I have paid brief visits to each class this week and it has been wonderful to hear from the children some of the exciting initial projects they have been working on. This first half term all the classes have a focus on care and wellbeing of self, enabling the children to tell their own story and make a book all about themselves. This includes learning about how to keep safe and healthy, our hobbies, interests, what is unique about each of us as individuals, how to manage our emotions and our dreams for the future. These projects should affirm each child's sense of self and develop a knowledge and understanding of how to really take care of themselves.

We have a slightly simplified timetable with a core focus on reading and personal, health and social education (PHSE). This should allow the children and staff the time and space to settle back into school life and begin to catch up on missed learning. The curriculum plans for each year group are posted onto the school website under the class pages – please take a look.

The children are quickly adapting to the new routines around handwashing and hygiene and are learning fun and creative ways to do this effectively. It does take up time but teachers are masters at setting learning tasks during all of the handwashing routines!

I am extremely grateful to you all for supporting the school in these challenging times by adhering to all of the parent safety instructions, and particularly at the drop off and collection times. I do appreciate that this can be a time consuming procedure for many of you having to return to the school site several times with siblings. Thank you also for wearing masks at these times.

You will all be aware of the new more stringent requirements around social contacts and distancing announced this week. There are already a number of schools in Haringey with confirmed cases where classes have had to close and staff have been sent home by Public Health. It is essential that we all do everything we can to minimise the risk of the virus spreading both to reduce the likelihood of having to close classes here at Coldfall and to protect the vulnerable members of some of our families and vulnerable staff that we have working in school. We have been clearly instructed to

ensure we do everything we can to ensure social distancing measures are in place at all times. The Health and Safety Executive are conducting spot checks in schools to ascertain the effectiveness of the hierarchy of controls that should be in place in all educational establishments.

We would also ask that you keep any email/telephone correspondence to urgent enquiries only as staff have very significant challenges in their roles under the new requirements. This year the school is also operating with 11 less staff than previous years due to financial constraints.

It is a rapidly changing situation and I will of course keep you informed of any changes as they arise.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Evelyn Davies".

Evelyn Davies
Headteacher