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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new Autumn half-term!

I'm pleased to say that the majority of our staff have returned fit and well after half term, and the pupils are now settling back into their learning routines. However, we sincerely hope that we are past the worst of the Covid outbreak that we experienced before the holiday and that we can return to and expect a level of normality.

The inclement weather on Thursday clearly didn't help matters with our normal operational activities within the Academy Day, and we were flooded 'out' in many areas. As a result, we now know that we have several blocked drains that require immediate attention! These things are clearly sent to test us, but our pupils were all very understanding of the situation, and although not always our favourite thing to do, sadly indoor playtime had to be endured.

Since the beginning of the academic year, we have been extremely pleased with how our pupils have arrived on-site, quickly accessing their classrooms to begin learning. However, over this past week, an increasing number of pupils are arriving well beyond 8.35 am, giving them little time to settle and prepare for the day ahead. Whilst I appreciate the complexities of busy household mornings, please allow me to remind you that the gates open at 8.25 am, and they will close promptly at 8.35 pm. As well as ensuring that children get to lessons on time, it also means that any staff out on duty can also get to lessons and meetings on time. Many thanks for your anticipated support in this matter.

Whilst not wanting to dwell on the negativity that Covid has caused our communities over the past few years, I am, nevertheless, aware that for some year groups, both parents and pupils, have missed out on what would previously have been considered the standard festivities of a Christmas offering expected from a Primary School or Academy. To that end, we are currently working on plans to ensure that our EYFS and Key Stage 1 pupils put on a Christmas performance. In addition, our children in Year 3 and Year 4 will also take part in Christmas performances. To ensure that all of our children can either present or perform throughout the academic year, our Year 5 children will be involved in an Easter presentation, and our Year 6 children will have their opportunity towards the end of the Summer term. We will share these with you as soon as logistics and dates are confirmed.

Have a good weekend,

Mr. Greg Sadler
Executive Principal