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'LET US CONSIDER HOW WE MAY SPUR ONE ANOTHER ON TOWARD LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS.' HEBREWS 10:24

## Dear Class 1,

I hope that you have all had a lovely summer break, and that you are well rested and excited for our fantastic new year ahead in Year 1!

I am really looking forward to being your teacher again and getting used to our new classroom and new routines.

I know lots of you will have had very different experiences over the last few months and I'm sure you are feeling a little bit nervous amongst the excitement of seeing your friends, especially if you weren't in school while it was partially closed. However, please be absolutely certain that we have all worked really hard to make sure that school will be as safe and as fun as possible. There will be lots of things that are different but far more will be just as you remember it.

Our theme for the term is **Stewardship: Caring for Our World** and we have some amazing learning planned for the next term, based on some brilliant new books that you can read about in the attached curriculum overview.

Your parents will have already received lots of information about uniforms, drop-off and pick-up times, lunches, wrap around care and all kinds of other grown up things that I won't repeat here, but in a nutshell, we will be **starting and finishing at 8:50am and 3:30pm**.

We will be doing our learning in and out of the classroom. You will have your **own personal stationery pot** for when you are working at your tables, and you won't be sharing these.

We will be **washing our hands A LOT**, just like back in March before you all went home and as we did when returned before the summer holiday, and no doubt like you have been at home. Our hand washing station is just outside the classroom.

You will need to wear school uniform everyday, adapted for Daily Physical Activity, except for Tuesdays when you will have PE with Mr Waldron for the first half of this term. You will need to come to school































in your PE kit and wear it for the whole day. We will also be having tennis sessions with the Atlantic Racquet centre this half term on a **Friday** afternoon!

You can only bring a small bag (big enough for your coat, lunchbox, drink and a reading book) which will be kept on your peg outside the cloakroom. To minimise items coming in and out of school, we will no longer use reading diaries and home learning books. All of this information will be recorded and shared (both ways) using Seesaw.

We will be using **Seesaw** instead of Tapestry now (as Tapestry is just for Reception). I will let your parents have details of how to login and use this once the class is all set up online.

I am really looking forward to welcoming you back in school again and to our exciting term ahead!

Very best wishes,

Mrs Drew