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

Dear Class 5,

Well, here we are! September is finally here and I am so delighted to be able to welcome you all back to school after a really strange few months. I am really looking forward to seeing you all again and to 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 texts which 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 slightly earlier**, at **8:35am and 3:15pm**.

You will be sitting at **desks of 1, 2 or 4 people, all facing forwards** and we will work really hard to make sure you are with people you learn well with and enjoy spending time with.

You will have your **own personal stationery pot on your desk**, and you won't be able to share these.

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

You will need to wear **school uniform everyday**, adapted for Daily Physical Activity, except for **Wednesdays when you will have PE with Mr Waldron and will need to wear your PE kit for the day.** We will also be having tennis sessions with Lottie from Atlantic Racquet centre this half term!































You can only bring a small bag (big enough for your coat, lunchbox, drink and a reading book) which will be kept under your desk.

To minimise materials 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 have to be a bit more careful about how we use the library to avoid crossing with other bubbles so **we will only be changing AR books once each week**. Of course, if you are reading a book from home, you can always check it is the right level using www.arbookfind.com.

I think that is probably everything you need to know for now, so I will leave you with the very best wishes for an amazing weekend and I really look forward to seeing you all on Monday to start **YEAR 5!!** (How have you all got so grown up??)

Best wishes,

Mrs Northcott