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Dear Parents,

#### Welcome back!

It has been a pleasure to see so many happy, smiling children returning to school, all so eager to learn. The children have settled into their new classes and are learning their new routines well. With fingers crossed, we are all looking forward to a consistent and 'normal' year of schooling, with little disruption.

### **Holiday Packs:**

Thank you to all parents who heard their children read regularly throughout the holiday and encouraged them to complete the activities we provided. It is really noticeable who has been practising these skills and it has given your children the best possible start to their new academic year and stopped the gaps in their learning from widening further.

# **COVID Update**

We are still being cautious in our approach to the management of COVID and are not planning to lift all our measures immediately, but to slowly remove them over time as we gain a better understanding of the impact of the predicted sharp rises in cases.

Summary of key changes you need to be aware of:

- If your child is showing symptoms of COVID. They are to self-isolate and take a PCR test. If
  positive, they must remain off school for 10 days, but their brothers and sisters should still
  attend school if they are not showing symptoms.
- We are no longer required to inform parents if there is a positive case within the school and all track and trace activities are now being undertaken by the NHS and Public Health England.
- Children will be mixing at breaks and lunch times when outside, but will be kept in their year groups as much as is practical when indoors.
- Hot lunches are back! Children will be eating these in the hall. These must be ordered on ParentPay.

### **After School Clubs**

Sports clubs will restart on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September, this term KS2 will be offered football.

Due to a lack of interest from parents, our other after-school club will not be starting yet. The company running it will be contacting parents nearer half term to see if there is greater expression of interest to make it viable to run.

# **Parent Welcome Meetings**

Please see the date list below for when we will be holding our welcome meetings. These will be online. Links to these meetings will be emailed to you very soon.

Thank you for your continuing support,

(Headteacher)

### **Important Dates:**

Keep checking the website for any changes and new activities going on in school!

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If you follow us on Facebook (Castlefield School, High Wycombe), you will see photographs and posts about the learning and fun activities that happen around the school.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 3:45pm Year 2 Welcome Meeting

4:15pm Year 5 Welcome Meeting

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 4:15pm Year 6 Welcome Meeting

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 4:15pm Year 3 Welcome Meeting

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 4:00pm Reception Welcome Meeting

3:45pm Year 1 Welcome Meeting Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 4:15pm Year 4 Welcome Meeting

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September Y2 Flight Day

Friday 1st October Target Setting Day – Children do not attend school

Monday 4th October INSET Day - School closed to children

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 11+ Results

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October Last day of half term

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October –

Friday 29th October

Half term holiday

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November Children back at school

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December Last day of term