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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing the children Key Stage One children tomorrow. We have a couple of further updates to make you aware of.

Parent Communication

Normally at the start of the year, we would be alerting you all of the diary dates coming up, such as assemblies, trips, concerts, parents evening etc. Regrettably, there are currently no formal dates where families are being invited into school. Our informal catch ups at drop off time have also been curtailed so this significantly reduced parental contact is something we feel we need to address and think differently about now. We are keen to develop other means of communication and new strategies:

- Rather than wait for an allocated parents evening appointment in November, our teachers will be contacting parents and carers every few weeks, to give you regular updates and information about your child. We would also encourage parents and carers to contact school with any relevant updates concerning your child, or to flag up any worries, however small.
- Staff will be making films to show you the new environment and give remote workshops on our areas of learning, especially in areas where you can support.
- Clear channels of communication are to be used, building on all that we have learned in lockdown:
 - ◇ Use of class email to contact teachers and vice versa
 - ◇ Use of the Seesaw learning platform to share work and individual messages
 - ◇ Use of the school phone to request staff call back at 0114 2660541
 - ◇ Use of the school email for wider contact enquiries@huntersbar-inf.sheffield.sch.uk
 - ◇ Use of social media such as the website, Facebook and Twitter for regular updates

Seesaw Family is a new system in school that we strongly advise you to use as a regular communication method. This will enable you to view your child's online learning journal and class blog in addition to using it as an individual messaging system to class staff. For example, it could be used in the morning to pass information to your child's class teacher who will be checking this during registration time. Details of how to set this up are on your child's class blog. Please contact school using your year group email address if you need further support with this. The Parent Guide to our Communication Methods can also be found on your shared Google drive.

As a school, we have always prided ourselves on our caring community where we hope that families feel supported and in turn, we too feel supported by you. The current situation is clearly a potential barrier to this, but we are determined not to let it change our sense of community or your involvement in your child's education. We shall overcome!

Uniform

Updated guidance does not now require your child to have their uniform washed every day.

PE Kit

Please do not send your child's PE kit tomorrow. Your child's teacher will inform you of which day their PE will be and on this day they should come already dressed in their kit. Please note that they will need to dress appropriately for the weather on that day.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We want to you to know that we don't take it for granted and would welcome your feedback also as we forge this new (hopefully temporary) future together.

Yours sincerely

Catherine Carr

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