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Dear Parent/Carers,

September 2020 Update

It has been a productive two weeks in school and we have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children back at Queen Eleanor's. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support at this challenging time and to update you on how we have managed the return to school and how the children have adapted to this.

Our drop off and pick up procedures now seem to be established and this is enabling us to ensure that the children are not mixing in corridors or around school outside of their year group bubbles. We are encouraging the children to social distance as much as possible within their classes and year groups and will continue to remind them of this. However, you can appreciate that with children of this age it is not always possible.

During our first week back, we concentrated on ensuring that the children were comfortable with the return to school and were given the opportunity to talk about their lockdown experiences. I was encouraged to hear from class teachers, that the children have settled back into school life extremely quickly and, on the whole, are happy to be back. The wellbeing of our children was and always will be paramount to their education and we will continue to address any issues that arise in our PSHE lessons, circle times and collective worship. This week, we have moved quickly onto work on the curriculum, revising topics from last term and engaging the children in a wide variety of activities across all subjects. We will be carrying out baseline assessment tests this half term to give us, along with teacher observations, a clear understanding of where each child is in their learning. This will inform us of any gaps so interventions can be put in place to support them.

We have been extremely impressed with our children and would like to congratulate them on the sensible and mature way they have addressed the return to school.

On a completely different subject, I have some extremely good news to share with you. Mrs D'Amario gave birth to a beautiful baby girl yesterday morning called Alba. Both mother and daughter are doing extremely well. We would like to congratulate Mrs D'Amario and her husband on the safe arrival of their daughter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Davies

Headteacher