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**"A caring, supportive community, grounded in a Christian ethos, where children are inspired to explore their potential and develop skills for life."**

Head Teacher: Jo Davies

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

It has been a productive week in school and we have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children back at Queen Eleanor's. They generally arrived with huge smiles on their faces and great excitement at seeing their friends and the school staff in person. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and for the kind messages we have received at this challenging time and to update you on how we have managed the return to school.

The procedures set out in our Risk Assessment have been followed as they were before Christmas and these measures now seem to be well established, ensuring 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. Hand washing is continuing to be an important, regular activity.

During this first week back, we have concentrated on ensuring that the children are comfortable with the return to school and have been 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 delighted 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. The after school clubs have proved to be very popular this week and we have all enjoyed hearing the sound of energetic, excited children outside after 3.30pm. We are hoping to be increasing the number of these clubs after Easter and will be in contact about this in the near future.

Please can I remind you that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.

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.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Curtin

Interim Headteacher