



# VERNON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to say how pleased I am with the children's return to school. They have settled incredibly well and embraced the changes with enthusiasm and positivity. They are an absolute credit to you and to the school.

We are in the process of organising parents evening as I am sure you are all keen to meet the teachers and have a progress update. We are going to buy an app that enables you to have a video appointment at an allocated time. I anticipate that this will take place as soon as possible after half term and I will send further details nearer the time. In the meantime, as always, if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to email us.

I will be sending home a letter on Monday that explains plans for any future lockdown scenario; we have been implementing Google Classrooms across the school so that remote learning will be accessible if we need it.

I would like to thank Hazel Stock for working with us to set up 'Club Vernon' so quickly and efficiently. I understand how important wrap-around care is and I would also like to say thank you to all the staff who volunteered to help in the meantime.

Drop-off and pick-up times of the school day are working smoothly and I am pleased that the systems we have put in place are effective. Please could I give a gentle reminder about social distancing on the pavements outside the school, as some parents have expressed their discomfort.

There have been many wonderful activities taking place across the school over these first few weeks. We have been focusing on the children's wellbeing by embarking on a whole-school theme: 'After every storm comes a rainbow: Emotional Wellbeing and Resilience'. The children have enjoyed a number of activities around this theme, such as mindfulness and yoga. Our music specialist, Mike Richardson, has been working with Years 2 and 3 to teach the music curriculum through whole-class glockenspiel playing! The children have absolutely loved working with Mr Richardson and their performances will be recorded for you to enjoy. Mr Richardson will be working across the school throughout this academic year to ensure that every child benefits from this exciting opportunity. I hope you have been enjoying the teacher's news feed items that share a flavour of school life.

Thank you for all the positive comments and feedback we have received, as it is much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Carvell  
Headteacher



*Nobody else is quite like me'*

