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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back

It is a great pleasure to be able to write to you about our first week of being re-open to all children. We are so pleased that most children have attended school this week, in fact our attendance is 97.4%, which is exceptional.

The vast majority of children in school have settled straight back into the routines. The focus, buzz and learning all around school is infectious. Where a very small number of children have expressed anxiety or worries, our Inclusion Team have swiftly responded and supported, with follow up communication with parents. If you have noticed anything regarding your child's wellbeing, please do get in touch with one of us and we will help straight away.

Here are some updates and requests:

Congestion at the Wooler Street Lower School Gate	We are a little concerned about the flow of adults at this gate during morning drop-off. Many Parents/Carers are spending a few moments saying goodbye to their child at the actual gate, which is causing a build-up of parents / carers who are queuing for the gate. Of course, you will want to say goodbye to your child, but please could you be conscious of not blocking the pavement for others and not to hold up the queue of parents/carers by blocking the gate.
Driving down Wooler Street	Please don't! We still have parents driving down to the end of Wooler Street and turning around during drop-off and pick-up. It is so dangerous as children are crossing and there are huge numbers of people using the road to socially distance. It is not necessary for you to drive down there, I cannot enforce that you don't. All we can do is ask you and remind you. Please don't drive down Wooler Street to drop-off or collect your child.
School Lunches	Our kitchen staff are continuing to adapt to the changes and school re-opening. In the coming weeks we will be talking to the children about their school lunches and seeking ways that we can improve things from what they tell us.
Welfare Checks	Recent guidance has been introduced to Primary schools, which we have adopted to improve our Welfare Checks. In summary, if your child is absent from school without any contact from home, we may carry out a home visit to check that everything is ok, to speak to your child and to see if we can help in anyway with anything. Our Inclusion Team are keen to offer help as early as possible and to support you as a family.
Pupil Assessment	Before the Easter holiday, we are going to be assessing the children to establish where the gaps in knowledge are and to plan for future teaching. In the Summer term, we will be arranging virtual parents' evenings and issuing reports for all of the children to keep you fully informed of their progress.



Ofsted	<p>You may be aware, that we had an Ofsted inspection last week. As soon as we receive the published report, I will share this with you. The inspection is known as an 'interim' visit and does not alter the school's current overall judgment. However, it is a really useful tool for us to find out what is going well and what we need to continue to develop. During the inspection we were able to celebrate all of our improvements since the school's last inspection and were given some helpful advice on how to improve. We have already acted on these points! It was noted by the inspectors how our parents/carers work so well with us and really actively support us – thank you so much for completing the Parent Survey, we really appreciate it. 🌻</p>
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Thank you so much for your support and also for your feedback, it really does help us. If you do have any worries, concerns or questions, please do contact us so that we can help. If you have any personal worries, always lean on us and trust in us, we are here to help you.

In other news...I hope you are entering your skips onto our system. 🗑️ Ms Mountford is keen that we reach our target! <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx...>

Also, I have been so impressed with the Biscuit Challenge. The technical reporting of your child's experiments have been brilliant. I cannot wait to find out which is the best biscuit for me to dunk in my tea ☕.

Thanks for everything and very best wishes



Mr Garry Johnson
Head teacher