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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally arrived at the end of a very strange year in school. No one could have anticipated the events that have occurred and how school has had to change and adapt to the circumstances during the COVID19 pandemic.

Mrs Earnshaw and Mr Duerden-Brown are moving from Park Hill to Outwood Primary Academy Lofthouse Gate and we would like to thank them for all their hard work, the care and fantastic opportunities they have provided for children in their classes. Mrs Earnshaw is moving to take up a part-time position after returning from maternity leave and Mr Duerden-Brown is moving to take up a promotion to the role of Assistant Principal. Congratulations and well done to both and we are so happy that you will remain within the Outwood family.

Thank you to all the parents whose children have come back to school to continue with their learning and we look forward to welcoming everyone else back in September. The measures that continue to be in place, are for the safety and wellbeing of all children, staff and families. Sadly, Coronavirus has not disappeared and will be with us for some time to come so it is vital that we continue to follow the Department for Education guidance in respect of social distancing, staggered school days and strict hygiene.

We understand that there will be a lot of inconvenience and ask that you are patient. Our school has a huge number of pupils and this is why the times are staggered as they are. The first thing that will happen on arrival at school is that children will have to wash their hands and as you can imagine, 435 children washing their hands at once, is not something that is realistically achievable! The timings also allow children to have the same length of school day so that all the curriculum requirements can be met. So, whilst this is inconvenient, it is also temporary although we do not know when things will return to normal. We have to accept that at the current time this is the 'new normal'.

September will be a busy time for catching up with learning and we know that the children will grasp the opportunity to demonstrate how resilient and keen to learn, they are.

Please do not arrive at the gate before the time allocated unless you have been asked to. We would also request that parents do not smoke near the school gate as this is unpleasant and unhealthy for everyone.

The Department for Education guidance and all the letters we have sent to parents can be found on our website and the answers to most of the questions you might have, can be found there!

I am sure you will join me in thanking all the staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure that learning can continue online and in school. Finally, I hope you enjoy a lovely summer and we will look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 8th September 2020!

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Million
Principal

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