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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support in helping children to settle into their new routines. We are now nearing the end of the first full week back and classrooms are busy, children are happy and it is wonderful to see how well everyone has settled into school life. We continue to review our daily routines and make changes where we think improvements can be made.

The school website is being updated and pages being reviewed. On the **class pages**, parents can now download the class newsletter for this half term, together with the Diocesan RE newsletter. The class newsletter gives useful information about the topics and curriculum each class are studying this half term, together with useful dates and reminders. Please double check your child's PE days and we ask that children come to school on PE days dressed in their outdoor PE kit of jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and t shirt/polo shirt. The Diocesan RE newsletter gives keys dates for this term together with the RE topics being studied by each year group in Catholic schools across the Diocese.

The lunch menus have been uploaded and parents can view the menus for the whole term. Parents with younger children may like to chat with their child about choices each day. In addition to the prepared pudding, fruit and yoghurt is available each day as a choice.

Can I remind parents about coming onto the school site, that we ask only one parent to drop off and collect children at the start and end of the day and that parents leave the school site immediately afterwards. Please do not linger to catch up with friends on the school site or outside the school gates. As from Monday, the rules change for all of us with regard to gatherings in groups of 6 people both inside and outside of our homes.

We have changed the way that the desks are organised in the Year 1 classroom. Whilst the guidance to schools states to organise children in forward facing desks where appropriate, it is not the best arrangement for our youngest children who are making the transition from Early Years into Key Stage 1 for the first time. We will continue to keep this under review.

In these unprecedented times, can I remind parents about the rules around illness and attending school as follows:

- If a child/adult feels unwell and **displays symptoms of Coronavirus of a high temperature, new persistent cough and loss of taste and smell, then they must not attend school and must begin to self-isolate for 10 days and arrange to get a test.**
- All members of the household must also isolate for 14 days until a negative test result is received for the original sick child/adult.
- Once the negative test result is received, all members of the household can end their period of isolation unless they themselves develop Coronavirus symptoms.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss M. Tate
Headteacher