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Dear Parents/ Carers,

With the first full week back under our belts, the children and staff have settled back into familiar routines. It has been wonderful to spend time across both schools and seeing the children engaged in their new learning – from the older children who have returned to school sensibly and full of enthusiasm to the youngest of our pupils who have amazed us all with the ease with which they have settled into their new school routine. It is wonderful to see them all making new friends and developing their independence.

School Vision

I have enjoyed getting to know more and more parents at each school; and whilst I haven't quite managed to speak to everyone as yet - I am getting there and will continue to pop over for a chat either first thing or at the end of the day! It has been wonderful to hear how supportive you are of the school's within our federation and your children's learning and as ever I encourage all parents to continue to share their thoughts about the school with us. This feedback is imperative to ensuring we, in collaboration with parents and carers, make both schools the best that they possibly can be.

In light of this I would like to consult parents and the wider community in the re-drafting of our schools' vision statements and therefore invite you to contribute your thoughts. I would ask you to consider the following questions:

- What makes our school(s) special?
- What three words would describe our school(s)?
- Why are you proud of our school (s)?

The whole school community will share this vision and therefore it is vital that our vision is representative of all the views shared by those not only within the school but also the wider community. Contributions can be submitted to school via the school office by Friday 17th September please.

Covid – 19 update

Further to my letter last week I wanted to update you on a further Covid-19 update relating to the management of confirmed Covid cases and that of 'close contacts', released by the Local Authority yesterday.

The statement, in summary, has outlined the following guidance to schools.

'If a child tests positive and this is confirmed, with evidence provided, then they are registered as 'Ill', if they are awaiting a PCR because they are showing symptoms (PCR should not be taken if there are no symptoms) then they should be recorded as X. In terms of 'close contacts, for example contact whereby a family member has tested positive or a member of their class with whom they have had close contact is confirmed as positive, the child is **exempt** from self-isolation and **should be in school**. If they are not in school this is marked as





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unauthorised. Additionally, please also remind parents that as soon as negative PCR issued children are to return to school.'

I will continue to provide updates as and when they are issued. In the meantime we as a school will continue to ensure that high standards of hygiene are maintained and that all children are encouraged to observe stringent hand washing routines.

Staffing

Some of you, if not many, will have noticed the absence of Mrs Baillie at Moreton Say this last week. Mrs Baillie and her family sadly experienced the loss of a much loved and extremely close member of her family shortly before the start of term. Our prayers are with her and we are sending her love and wishing her strength at this difficult time.

A letter to parents of those pupils in Y5/6 is to follow.

Finally, thanking you all once again for your support and welcome. I look forward to sharing some fabulous Roald Dahl stories and activities on Monday! Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Henney
Executive Head Teacher

