Monday 7th September 2020

Dear parents,

Welcome to the new school year! This time last year I was introducing myself to you as the new Headteacher of our wonderful school. Who could have guessed what that first year would bring?

I would like to offer a huge vote of thanks to the school community (staff and families) for the support and understanding you have shown each other during this difficult time. I know teachers and other staff making those important phone calls home have loved chatting with you all and maintaining important contacts.

Whilst school was closed for many of our pupils, we were busy sorting and reorganising our resources. Parts of the school have been painted and there are new exciting displays appearing in corridors and classrooms. Please do take a minute to look through the pictures on the school Facebook page if you haven’t seen it recently.

Sadly, it seems unlikely that we will be back to 'normal' in the foreseeable future but we will continue to find creative ways to keep school events and activities in our calendar. We normally hold a parents evening early on in the term but since it would be unwise to have so many face to face contacts, we will be organising phone contacts during the week beginning 28th September. Watch out for more information on this shortly along with details about how we will be keeping up to date with homework and home reading.

Welcome to new staff…

We would like to welcome several new staff to our school family; Miss Webb in Reception, Miss Taylor in Year 2, Mr Lee in Year 3 and Miss Wootton in Year 5. There are two new faces in the school office; Miss Healey, the new office manager and Mrs Skidmore, a new admin assistant.

Keeping our school safe for everyone

Please remember that only one adult should be on site from each family at dropping off and collecting times. Please try to stick tightly to your allocated times and use the gates we have stated. We do understand that there are some families with children in different year groups and to help you, we will allow parents to remain on site and use whichever gate is most convenient. If this is not the case for your family, please spend the shortest possible amount of time on the school grounds. Thank you so much for your help with this.
Before and after school clubs

Your children should be bringing a paper copy of a letter home today regarding the Breakfast and After School clubs. If you need to use this facility, please send back the return slip as quickly as possible. There will be a limited number of places available due to health and safety restrictions and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

After school clubs will be very limited in the short term as we need to keep children in their bubbles. We will be able to offer some year group sports clubs relatively soon as these will be held outdoors. More information will follow on this soon.

These are potentially confusing and challenging times. If you have any questions or need our help, please don't hesitate to make contact and let us see what we can do!

Wishing you all a wonderful year at Stockingford Academy!

Mrs G Bowser
Headteacher