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Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week we were delighted that all of the pupils in Elm, Ash and Oak classes attended school and we had a very positive start to the new school year. The pupils were overwhelmingly happy to be back in school with their friends and their teachers. We were all so excited to see them!

This week our youngest and newest pupils should benefit from a gentle and graduated start to their school lives at Barrow. Their teachers have worked incredibly hard over the holidays to create an inspirational environment in which to welcome them: Yew Tree Class and garden is looking particularly splendid. We are extremely grateful to Giles Stanley for giving up his time to install a rather impressive outdoor sink in the garden.

Furthermore, we are all delighted to welcome Mrs Rebecca Davies to our school staff as she will be joining Yew Tree Class and the team, this term, on Tuesdays.

Due to the current circumstances, there are inevitably going to be adjustments to some of the plans and routines as we learn together what works and what doesn't.

Could I please remind parents/carers that nobody should be arriving at school, or on the car-park, prior to the times arranged for each class/family. It was noted that many pupils were arriving in class outside their appointed time, even though they didn't have siblings. It is really important that we prevent pupils from mixing outside their bubble in school, wherever possible. Please stick to the times of arrival. Staggered start and finish times may cause some problems. However, they are intended to prevent congestion on the car park to thus enable pupils to enter the site safely in their bubbles. As a staff, we will ensure that pupils only enter the school gates at their agreed arrival time.

It is necessary to make a few tweaks to the collection procedures this week: siblings will remain in their own bubble, in their classroom, with their teacher until their family's specified time of collection, to be handed over to their parent/carer at the gate with their brother/sister; pupils who can see their parents/carers will line up at the gate with their teacher/TA and be collected from the gate to avoid being unsupervised in traffic. Please vacate the site promptly.

The office staff sent home pupil information we hold on record for your child/ren in Elm, Ash and Oak classes on Friday. Please take the time to check the information we hold is correct, particularly

with regard to any changes in medical conditions and allergies. Please inform the office via email of any changes by the end of this week.

It has been lovely to meet everyone, this week – some of you for the first time. Your positive and constructive comments have been – and will continue to be - welcomed. Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Sian Stephenson

(Headteacher)