

Tuesday 7th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the autumn term; I hope you all had a good break.

Staff have been in today and yesterday preparing classes and attending a variety of online training sessions. We're really looking forward to seeing our pupils return on Wednesday 8th, and welcoming those who are starting at Mill Water.

My goal this term is to reduce the disruption to your child's learning and keep all pupils in school. There will, however, be cases we have to manage and changes to guidance that I am legally bound to follow. Please be assured that safety is very important, but so too is keeping every child in school where they belong.

To do this we need to minimise the spread of infections so please do not send your child to school if they are displaying any symptoms of Covid and/or are acutely ill. We have been told by Public Health England to have a low threshold on symptoms which means we will be asking you to collect your child if they arrive at school unwell. Thank you for your support in this matter so far.

Staff have been advised to continue to wear face coverings in communal areas as well as to reduce the mixing of large groups. Although bubbles no longer exist, we will continue to balance the risk of spread against the opportunities that could be missed. As always, please contact me with any concerns.

I will be writing to you regularly with news updates, as well as celebrating the progress of our learners and I look forward to sharing the 2021/22 academic year with you all.

Yours sincerely

S A Pickering Headteacher