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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. We are very much looking forward to the start of the new term on Wednesday  $2^{nd}$  September. The last few months have been very peculiar and we have all faced new challenges.

At RMPA we are ready to welcome every child back to school. The teachers have been working hard to prepare the classrooms and to plan learning. The cleaners have made sure that all the rooms and corridors are healthy places for the children and staff to be in. The office staff have been organising their systems to help the day-to-day life run smoothly. Over the summer holidays, there has been some building work taking place in school – this has been in areas used by school staff and will not mean any significant changes for the children.

We hope that you and your children are ready for the start of term. We know that for many children, next Wednesday will be their first time in school since March 20<sup>th</sup>. Our planning and organisation reflect that the children will all have different feelings about their return to school and, as always, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of everyone is our priority.

At the end of July, I wrote to you to let you know of the plans for the start of term. This important letter was sent to you in the post. I hope that you have taken time to read and digest this information. The first few days will be a learning process for everyone (school staff included) as we put the new systems in to practice. I'm sure that if we work together, everything will run smoothly. I hope that you will be patient if things take a little time for the first few days. After running the new systems for a period of time, we might find it necessary to make some changes which we will communicate with you before they happen.

Since I wrote the letter in July, there have been some changes to the information – these are regarding the use of masks/face coverings in school, PE kit and the guidance around how long a person with confirmed coronavirus should isolate for (now 10 days).

A new version of this letter can be found here:

http://www.robertmellors.notts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/08/Re-opening-details-letter-final-1.pdf

This letter outlines information regarding PE.

http://www.robertmellors.notts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/08/PE-letter-to-parents1.pdf

Working together and following the timings and one-way system will help to ensure smooth daily running and safety of everyone. Please plan your journey to school, avoid congregating in groups around or on the school grounds and bear with us as we learn these new systems so that we can welcome over 300 children back to school safely and happily.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact the school office via email or you can telephone on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September when all staff will be in school preparing for the new term.

Best regards

Mrs Essex

