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"We Only Reach for The Highest"

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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back!

In my 33 years of teaching I have never been so happy to see the start of the new school year and to see all of you and your children this morning. Standing by the gate on Wythenshawe Road today has made me appreciate just what a wonderful family we are and what an incredibly lucky person I am.

It was amazing to see all our children in school this morning – it has been such a long time without them, and all the staff are delighted to welcome each child back.

The children have been magnificent and so very mature – I am immensely proud of them all. If every morning is like today, I shall be an extremely happy headteacher.

I want to thank all our parents and carers for the magnificent job you have done in preparing your child/ren for the start of the new school year – you have done a remarkable job. Juggling all the demands you have had over the last six months must have been difficult, but every minute you spent with your son or daughter has made a massive difference to them.

I wish to also thank the staff of the school, who have all gone the extra mile to ensure that school has been able to reopen in the way it has. By staff I mean everyone who works here – the cleaners, our caretaker, the cooks, the midday assistants, the teaching assistants and teachers, office staff and governors. I would also like to thank them all for everything they did during the period 20th March to the end of July – I know their efforts were greatly appreciated by all parents and carers. In addition, a vast number of Trafford employees within education, health, social care and Public Health Trafford have absolutely worked their socks off over the last few months. Without their assistance to me, our school would not have been so well placed to stay open.

A New and Somewhat Different Start!

After hosting my first Zoom assembly (no mean feat for someone like me!) this morning, the children will soon get used to the small changes we have made around school for the safety of everyone. They have acclimatised so very well to these changes and have positively responded to being back.

We want every day to be as smooth as today and with your help, it will be. Thank you for continuing to socially distance and waiting patiently when required. Thank you also for not parking along Wythenshawe Road near to the school gate – that really did make a huge difference this morning.

If you did enter via Wythenshawe Road, you will have noticed that the Key Stage One playground fence has been removed and the playground area extended. As we welcome more and more pupils to school, we really do need a larger playground to accommodate them. I am delighted that the Local Authority has paid for half of this work. The governors, Mrs Brncic (School Business Manager) and I have found the rest from the school budget.

For those parents and carers who left their older children to walk around to their classroom doors, everyone made it to their classes swiftly and safely.

For those of you entering via the main entrance, you will have noticed that there are a lot of parked vehicles on Worthington Road – these are the cars and vans of the contractors. This is something we will have to put up with for the next few months.

Building work is coming on at a pace, as you can see. The brickwork is almost complete and then once the windows are fitted, work can begin on the building's interior.

Meet the Teacher

Every year at the start of the new school year, we hold a 'Meet the Teacher' event here in school. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teaching staff, to hear a presentation on such things as homework, P.E. timetables, and other routines etc., as well as a chance for you to ask any questions you may have.

This year, we need to do some things a little differently, and with this in mind, we are uploading our Meet the Teacher Presentations to our school website.

Simply type the following address:

<https://worthington-primary.trafford.sch.uk/>

to review our new look website. The site has not changed in content or in the order things appear; it simply looks a lot sharper. My thanks go to Mr Robinson (one of our school governors) who has spent a great deal of time during lockdown to refresh the look of our website. He and I hope you enjoy the new look.

Once you have arrived at our home page, move across to the 'Curriculum' tab and a drop-down menu will appear.

Then, simply choose the age group you wish to look at (either Early Years, Key Stage One or Key Stage Two) and then scroll down to any link in **RED TYPE**. Click the link appropriate to the age of your child and this will take you to a PowerPoint presentation where you can 'Meet the Teachers'.

If you have any questions, please use the means of communication as outlined in my earlier letters to you.

Parent Pay

If you have not already done so, please join Parent Pay as soon as possible. We are using Parent Pay as our means of providing you with information via email. If you have not yet done so, please go to our school website and hover over the 'Welcome' tab at the top of the homepage. Navigate to 'PARENT PAY' where there is information about what it is and how to register. Registration costs you nothing.

It is absolutely vital that school has a rapid means of easily contacting all parents, especially at this time. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do register this week if you have not already done so.

Yours



Mr Searle