

Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, I hope you are well and continuing to keep yourselves and your loved ones safe. I am writing to keep in touch and to update you all with plans for our return to school in September.

When we re-open in September our children will access a streamlined curriculum so as to enable a focus on core skills allowing them to make accelerated progress throughout the 20/21 academic year, whilst also ensuring wellbeing is at the core of all teaching. During the first 4 weeks of the term we will be carrying out practical assessment based activities to identify any gaps in learning. Following this we will be holding an INSET Day on **Monday 28th September**, (please note that this is an update to the school calendar which will be published on our school website for the start of the new term). This day will be used for senior leaders to meet with every teacher to discuss their pupils' attainment and progress following the basic skills focus from the previous 3 weeks. On the INSET Day targets and predictions will be set for every child and any requiring additional support will be identified and action plans put in place. All targets will be shared with yourselves during our first Parents Evening of the year – *details regarding this will follow later in the term.*

Although we have previously sent information out relating to the protocols for our September return, here is a quick reminder of the 'dos and don'ts' for September:

Children can bring the following items into school:

- ✓ Named water bottle
- ✓ Book bags/School bags
- ✓ PE kit on PE Days
- ✓ Coat suitable for the current weather conditions
- ✓ Packed lunches

Children are asked not to bring the following items into school:

- X Pencil Cases/Stationary
- X Bikes/Scooters
- X Toys/Games

It is vital that we have your most up to date contact details. If these have recently changed please contact the main school office on: 01709 512202 from Tuesday 1st September onwards.

As I am sure you will have seen that our school building has had significant building works carried out over the course of the summer holidays. Although some building work will continue once we return to school, this will not impact negatively on the day to day running of the school. Alternative arrangements have been made for entry onto and exit from the School playground.

Your children have always been and remain at the heart of everything we do at East Dene Primary School. Above all we will continue to offer them the love, care and support they deserve. If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via the Class Dojo App.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Thursday 3rd September.

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. M. Ridge".

Mrs L Ridge

Head Teacher