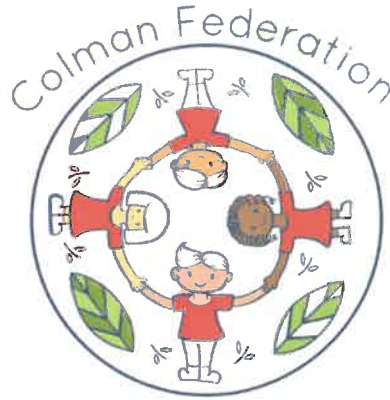


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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Welcome back to the new school year**

It has been fantastic to have all the children back across the school and see their excitement and happiness at being back in school with their friends again. We have really missed them over the past few months and we have all loved returning to the familiar patterns of school life, even though there are some things about it that aren't the same.

### Thank you

Our families and children have adapted brilliantly to the changes we have had to make in order to keep everyone safe. The school leaders have worked closely with the Local Authority to ensure that the strategies we have put in place are as safe and secure as possible at this difficult time. We know that some of these changes, particularly around the staggered start and end of the school day, are challenging for many of you if you have children in other schools and need to be in several places at once. We truly understand how difficult this is and will keep your children safe and secure until you can get to school.

### Nuts in School

We do have a number of children in our school community with significant nut allergies. Please can we ask that you do not send your child into school with any nut-based products for snack or packed lunch.

### Changes to Provision

In these unprecedented times we have had to make so many changes to the way that school operates. Every decision we have taken has been to limit the disruption to children's education any further than has already happened this year and of course prevent the spread of any Covid outbreak. Children are now grouped in year group bubbles so that in the event of a Covid outbreak, we are able to isolate a year group rather than the whole school. One of the changes that we have had to introduce for this reason is year group toilets, rather than girls' and boys' toilets across the school. These toilets are carefully managed and monitored by school staff to ensure privacy for children and there are contingencies in place for any child that does not feel comfortable with the arrangement.

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### Uniform and Dress Code

The children are looking fantastic in their school uniforms and we take great pride in our Colman red. A number of children are coming in to school with coloured hair and wearing nail varnish, which is not permitted. Please can you make sure that these are dealt with over the weekend. Children who are not following the school dress code will be reminded of the school standards and expected to address this quickly. Please ensure that your child conforms to the school's dress code. Written reminders will be sent home for persistent issues.

Normally at the start of the school year, we provide you with a full list of the dates for the school year ahead. This has been almost impossible to do this year as so many things will have to be different this year as a result of Covid. We are currently starting to book school trips and visits and introduce some after-school clubs but it will take some time before we are able to get back to our full offer as in previous years. We are looking at ways to adapt our practices for parent consultations so that these will take place this term but are likely to be online or telephone conversations rather than in person. We will keep you informed about these important meetings.

### What to do if your child has symptoms of Covid

At this time of year so many of us develop seasonal colds and coughs but this year we need to be mindful of Covid. If you, your child or a member of your family develops a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature and/or a loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell, please get in touch with your doctor's surgery or call 111 immediately. The whole family will need to isolate until you receive results of a Covid test. Please keep us informed if this applies to you at any point as it will help us to keep the whole school community safe.

Thank you again for all your kind messages of support at this difficult time. We are looking forward to an exciting school year and as ever, we are here to help wherever we can.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Sandford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

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