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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely summer and have enjoyed the sunshine that we have been so fortunate to have this year.

The start of the new school year is fast approaching and our staff are all looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school. I know many of them are very excited to be returning; however, it will be a bit different to usual this September and we are aware that some will be a little anxious having been out of school since last March. Please be assured that we have thought carefully about the beginning of the term and we will be giving them time to talk about and adjust to being back in their classes. I know some parents are anxious about the learning that the children may have missed and again I would like to assure you that teachers are fully aware of this and have been planning lessons to take this into account. Class Dojo will be up and running again next week and can be used to communicate directly with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Please be aware that there will be some 'quiet time' out of hours when they may not respond to you immediately.

Please find attached the FAQ document that was sent out in July. Procedures remain the same for Primary Schools as were set out at the end of July. Please take time to read this through. Home School Agreements must be read, signed and returned by email to admin@longney.gloucs.sch.uk
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Class newsletters will be emailed home next week along with the usual beginning of year paperwork. Links to documents and letters can be found on our school website.

Reminder about drop off and pick up:

Reception and Swift will drop off at 8.40 am and pick up at 3.00 pm

Goldfinch and Skylark will drop off at 8.50 am and pick up at 3.10 pm

Reception pupils will use the top corner gate in the playground/car park and can be dropped at the door of their cloakroom by one parent.

Skylark class will use the top gate on the field.

Swift and Goldfinch will use the middle gate on the field.

Please do not gather or stay before/after school on the field or in the car park. It would be greatly appreciated if you drop off/pick up your child/children and leave the site.

I look forward to seeing you all next week on Wednesday 2nd September.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Penny Howard
Headteacher



