



3rd July 2020

Dear Children,

How are things going? I hope this letter finds you safe and well.

This time last week, as I was writing my letter to you, I was hoping for cooler temperatures. What a change this week has brought! As I write this, with my cardigan wrapped around my body, I am wishing for some warmth and a return to summer! Honestly, some people are just never satisfied, are they.

Yesterday, the government published some guidance for getting all of you back to school from September. School leaders and teachers throughout England must have spent a very long time going through the pages of information that was published. Your Heads of School, teachers and support staff are very excited about welcoming you back and are already planning to make sure your return to school is a really positive experience for everybody.

We know from yesterday's guidance that:

- You will be grouped together in your year group or class 'bubble'
- Bubbles will be kept apart as much as possible and will come to school and leave school at different times
- Lunch and break times will be different for each bubble.
- Your classroom will look a bit different with you sitting at desks, side by side, facing the front.
- You'll still have to wash your hands regularly and stick to the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' advice if you cough or sneeze.

I'm sure that lots more information about the autumn term will be sent to schools over the coming weeks and there will be lots of things to discuss and sort out. Don't worry, we'll let you and your parents know what's going on, in good time.

We have to think of this as a real positive step in getting things back to some kind of normal. I know that September seems a long time away and lots can happen before then, but time will soon go by, particularly if the sun smiles on us and we are



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increasingly able to go out and about. Indeed, lots of attractions are starting to re-open this weekend – including theme parks.

At this moment in time, when we all have our ups and downs, life certainly is a rollercoaster, we all 'just have to ride it!' It's sometimes exhilarating, sometimes 'white knuckle' but we have to hang on tight! We'll get there in the end!

Stay positive, smile and be kind to yourselves and to your loved ones.

Thinking of you with love,

Mrs Nicholas