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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your family have had a wonderful summer break with lots of time for rest and relaxation. I had a lovely summer holiday with my family and now I'm feeling refreshed and ready for our new academic year.

First, I'd like to welcome all the new families (the most we've had around school) that have joined us this academic year - we are really looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming months and years.

Over the summer, there have been some changes to our school building, as Mr Summers has been very busy painting around school to freshen up classrooms and corridors. We are also part way through a refit of school lighting across the whole of the school. This change is not only good for the environment but should also reduce our electric bills moving forward. It is lovely to see school looking so smart ready for the new term.

We also have our new school website up and running. Please check it out if you haven't already. Over the next few weeks, we are going to continue to update it and ensure all our information is fully up to date. The majority of our school communication will be through the website, with new class pages with news from classrooms, diary dates and the school newsletter all being shared from this source.

For information about your child's class i.e. Topic; PE day; Homework etc, please refer to their class page on our website. If you feel that there is information missing from the page or any other part of the website for that matter, please contact us so that we can put it right.

One thing that is always so special at this time of year, is that the children look so smart in their school uniforms. Thank you for facilitating this. We would be grateful for your continued support in ensuring these high standards are maintained throughout the year. Mrs Evans has already sent out a letter about PE kits as we are now asking children to come to school on both PE days in their PE kits. It is extremely important though that children only wear the correct kit for PE which can be seen on our new school website.

If you wish to book sessions with Zoom, our before and after school club, you should also access our website where on-line booking forms and information are available. If you haven't yet registered for Zoom, please see our office staff to collect a form to register prior to booking.

A reminder that school opens at 8:45 am as usual and doors shut at 8:50 am so registration can be prompt and learning can begin. All children should arrive between these times. Please do not access the school grounds until the site supervisor opens the walk-through gate at 8:40 am. This is a safety precaution as, prior to this time, vehicles will be accessing and travelling on site. It is essential that children arrive promptly to ensure they are not losing vital learning opportunities. It is a national priority to ensure that all pupils of compulsory school age attend school 'all day, every day'. All time missed can have a significant impact on a child's learning. Also, can I remind you that dogs, apart from those risk assessed and insured to do so, shouldn't be coming on to the school site.



It is the DFE's directive that Head Teachers do not grant leave of absence for holidays during term time and fines and the likelihood of receiving fines have increased significantly. Medical appointments that can be booked outside of the school day, i.e. dentists and opticians will also not be authorised. Request for a leave of absence will only be authorised if it is deemed to be an exceptional circumstance and you will need to complete a leave of absence form to put your request in writing.

I think it is also important to remind you of avenues of communication and that there is always someone you can talk to. Your first point of contact, if you have a concern, is your class teacher, you can make an appointment to see them via the class email or by contacting the office. We also have our full-time learning mentor, Mrs Chambers, who is contactable if you have concerns about your child's mental well-being. Information about our learning mentor can be found on the website. If you don't feel your concern is resolved following initial contact, please don't hesitate to speak to myself or our Deputy, Mr Green. Mr Green can also be contacted for queries or support regarding Special Needs.

During the Autumn term, we have many exciting events to share with you, so please look out for further information in our diary dates. Information about this half terms clubs and how to book them will be shared soon. Please also read the school newsletter every Friday on our website as it will keep you informed about school events. Good communication across the school community is very important so please keep talking to us about how we can improve further over the coming year.

Here's to another highly successful and productive school year at Albrighton Primary School and Nursery, where 'Only our best will do!' and every child thrives both academically and socially!

Thank you for your continued support!

Kind regards,

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