



Tickford Park Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a pleasant summer and that your children have been looking forward to their return to school this week. Whilst it is strange to be starting at a new school in such unique circumstances, I've really enjoyed working with staff at Tickford Park over the past few days and am looking forward to meeting many of you and your children this week. I'll aim to be around at the start and end of the school day so please do say 'hello'.

In the first instance, our priority has been to ensure that the school can re-open safely and that the children are able to settle in to their new classes. We'll be carrying out some assessments over the first few weeks of term to see where the children are with their learning and help us to plan our curriculum accordingly. Whilst we wouldn't normally start the school year in this way, it is very important, given that some of your children have been out of school for over six months.

This year, we will be building on the good progress that the school has been making in recent times, as we strive for excellence. One aspect of this is the introduction of Class Dojo which we will be using in all classrooms to routinely celebrate children's successes in school. The children will be able to earn Dojo Points for exhibiting our school values – Ready, Respectful and Safe.

Class Dojo can be used as a website or a smart phone App and has a variety of functions. In the first instance, we will use it as follows:

- to reward your child's good work
- to share things that are happening in your child's classroom and across the school
- to provide a messaging platform between home and school

This week, your child will be bringing home details of how you can get started and connect to your child's class community.

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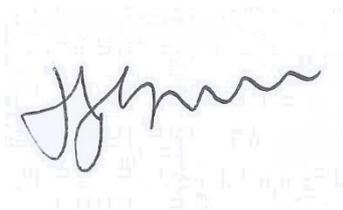
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I'd like to thank all of you for ensuring that you understood the revised arrangements for bringing your children to school this morning. I am pleased to report that this process ran smoothly. You may still have some questions regarding the arrangements for this term so I've prepared a FAQ sheet which will hopefully give you the answers that you need. I'll post this on Class Dojo and the school website along with this letter. If you have any further questions, or need clarification on any of these points, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

You will be aware that we are not allowing visitors into the school at this time without an appointment so if you would like to speak to us, please drop us a line or give us a call and we will get back to you as soon as we are able.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Smith', is written over a faint, light-colored grid background.

Daniel Smith

Headteacher