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Dear Parents and carers,

Well it is the end of a busy first full week for us here at Varna and what a week it has been! There have been lots of new systems and routines for us all to get used to and in our usual Varna way of working together, trying to improve things as we go and keeping our lines of communication open we made it! The children and staff have loved being back and slowly but surely it feels like we are getting back to a more normal way of working in school.

I thought it would be helpful to provide a bit of a round-up of key information and give reminders for things that are coming up next week.

Drop off and collection times for siblings

Drop off and collections are now well established with everyone getting used to different times and entry points. We understand that where you have more than one child this can be difficult and our plan includes options to bring your children and pick them up together. This should be at the earliest allocated time in the morning and at the latest allocated time for collection. You should still take your child at these times to their allocated entrance. All the information on this was contained in a letter sent earlier this week and which you had emailed to you. It is also on the Covid-19 page of the school website.

In order to ensure that we keep adults in and around the school at key times please ensure that you only arrive 5 minutes before you need to be here, this will mean there are not groups of adults waiting in communal areas. Also, can only one adult come into school to do the drop off and pick-up.

Breakfast Club

We sent information home yesterday regarding plans to re-start breakfast club next week. This information was emailed out to you and will also be on the school website. Attendance is only via the online booking system. If you want children to attend then they need to be booked in by 3pm on the Friday of the week before. We will not be able to accept children who have not been booked in. We will continue to offer the children a breakfast, although this will be a reduced option of cereal and a drink in the first instance. As usual there will be no costs for children to attend our breakfast club.





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Remote learning

We are currently looking at the options available to you in the event that a system for remote learning is needed. To support us in this plan a survey was sent out earlier this week to find out what internet access you child may have at home. Please complete this if you haven't not already done so in order for us to make the plans we develop as appropriate for you all as we can.

Meet the teacher...

As we are not able to have our usual playground catch-ups with families to discuss how children are settling in etc. staff will be putting a video onto the school website next week to let you know how the class have settled and to just say hi, we will let you know when to expect this!

Children and families with questions when children are unwell

I have spoken to some families this week when their child has been unwell in order to try to provide appropriate advice, please do continue to ring us in the morning if a member of your family is unwell and we will support you in understand the guidance around school attendance and possible need for self-isolation etc. To support you further I have put a short video from the NHS on our website which gives general information on this topic. Whilst we may not always have all the answers we will do our best to support you and find out things you are uncertain about.

I think is all for now and I would just like to say on behalf of all the staff and myself a huge thank you. So many of you have taken time to offer your support, let us know how pleased you are with the plans we are developing for your children and just give us a smile or hello when we see you. It means a lot to us all and gives us a real boost during these difficult times. I wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to another successful week at Varna next week,

Very best wishes,

K. Livesey

Miss. Livesey

