



# OIA news

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Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome back for the new academic year and the autumn term. What a wonderful first few days we have had. It has been wonderful to listen to the hustle and bustle of school life and classrooms filled with laughter. The whole staff have been so impressed with how well the children have returned to school after such a long time and how they have adapted into new routines. I have personally been blown away by how fantastic the children have been, and I feel privileged to be their new Headteacher. A big thank you for following the guidance and helping us to get the children into school safely. Please do remember our one-way system when entering and exiting the school grounds. If you are just dropping off at the Panda classroom door, we have reviewed this today and feel it may be easier if you exit back through the front gate as long as you give way to anyone coming in through the gates.

Today we welcomed our youngest new children into school. Again, I was so impressed by how well the children coped with coming into school on the first day on their own. This goes against everything we believe in and we so desperately wanted parents to be able to enter the school building and share those first school moments together. What fantastic, confident, resilient children we have. They had the most amazing morning and I am sure will enjoy telling you all about it.

We hope you have had chance to look at our Facebook page where we have shared photos and a video of the revamped early years environment. We are aiming to use social media channels more and more to communicate and share what is happening at our wonderful school. Please do follow us and spread the word.

Although we are having to close our doors to visitors and can not hold all the wonderful community and parental events we had hoped to, we are busy finding ways to keep our communication alive and interactive. I have loved meeting children and parents on their way into school this week and will continue to do this whenever I can. Please do say hello and introduce yourselves.

We aim to improve our close working relationship with the middle school this year and we will be sharing some new collaborative ways of working with you over the coming weeks. Our aim is quite simple, we want our children to receive a seamless educational journey from Foundation to Year 6.

Year groups newsletters will be with you shortly. These will be full of information about what your child will be getting up to over the coming weeks. We will be sending you a list of dates for the first half of the autumn term later this week too.

Warm wishes,

Sarah Armitage