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Dear Parents and Carers,

Yes- it's yet another letter and it's a long one so you might want to grab a cuppa before you start. However, you will be pleased to hear it is my last one for this academic year!

There are a few updates I need to share with you as well as a few general messages.

Firstly, we found out last week that we have been lucky enough to have been awarded a sizeable government fund, applied for by the trust, to upgrade the heating system in school. This means the boiler, along with all the pipe work and radiators throughout school will be replaced. Most of this work will take place during the 6 weeks holiday. We are expecting a skip and storage container to arrive in preparation this week, therefore please be mindful of extra obstacles if you use the Padleys Lane entrance.

Secondly, I would like to share with you our plans and preparations for September. As you will be aware, we are expecting all children to return on the first day of term on **Thursday 3rd September**. Some of the measures we have in place now will have to remain. We have reviewed and updated our risk assessments, below is a list of the measures we will have in place along with some of the changes.

Groups- 'bubbles'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will always remain within their key phase group and will not mix with any other group. Grp 1 – FS2 Grp 2- Y1/2 Grp 3- Y3/4 Grp 4-Y5/6 They will have separate playtimes and lunchtimes. They will have a designated area of school to work. General classroom equipment will be shared within the group but not across groups without being meticulously cleaned. Each child will have their own pencil/pen
Uniform	Full school uniform should be worn
Targeted teaching	If children move from their classroom for a focused teaching session with another teacher (e.g. phonics, Units or maths), this will be within their bubble group and area, and they will use the hand sanitiser as they arrive and leave.
Seating	Children will sit in rows facing forward (classroom and hall)



Hand washing	We will continue to ask the children to wash their hands when they arrive; when they come in after playtimes and before snack and lunch time.
Hand sanitiser	We will continue to ask the children to use this each time they enter any room in school.
Lunchtimes	Hot school meals will be available. Unfortunately, we will not be able to run family service.
Assemblies	There will be no assemblies in the hall
Ipads/laptops	Will be cleaned after each use
Reading books	Reading books can be taken home
Items from home	Please still no other items to be bought from home e.g. toys
PE	Full PE kits will be required Will take place outdoors whenever possible
Visitors	Visitors on site will be kept to a minimum
Outdoor play equipment	FS2 in use for FS2 children only KS1 in use for KS1 children only KS2 rota system in place. Alternate weeks for Y3/4 and Y5/6. <i>Please do not let your children play on the equipment before or after school – this will prevent it from being used by the children in the day.</i>
Milk	Available as normal for FS2/KS1- request via Coolmilk
Fruit	Children can bring a piece of fruit for morning break
Water bottles	Children will need a water bottle every day
Cloakrooms	Cloakrooms will be used No parents sorry
Site	One-way system will continue to operate

I hope this goes in some way to reassure you that we will continue to do our absolute best to mitigate risks and keep the children and staff as safe as possible.

In the latest schools' guidance document, it proposes that staggered start and finish times should continue in order to avoid large numbers of people on site at any one time. The table below shows the drop off and pick up times, and designated entrance for each of our groups. I politely ask that you continue to adhere to these times. Please do not drop your child off earlier than their start time as they will not be supervised.

Group	Drop Off	Pick Up	Designated Entrance
FS2*	9am	3.20pm	Padleys Lane
Y1/2	8.50am	3.30pm	Padleys Lane
Y3/4	9am	3.45pm	Willow Wong
Y5/6	8.45am	3.30pm	Willow Wong

*New Foundation children have separate times for the first few weeks.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to run our usual 'meet the teacher' evenings at the beginning of term. However, we understand how important it is for you to meet with your child's class teacher and have the opportunity to share information about him/her and to ask any questions you may have. Instead, you will be able to book an individual appointment to meet your child's teacher in the week beginning **September 28th**. By this date, the children will be settled into new routines and the teachers will have had chance to get to know them and assess where they are and identify strengths and gaps. We will send details of how to book the appointment once we return.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Guylar well as she leaves us for a while and begins her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing of the new arrival in the autumn term. We welcome Miss Miller into our team, she is already preparing for her new class and is very excited to be part of our school.

I would also like to take a moment to say a special goodbye to our wonderful Y6s. It has obviously been a tricky time for them, having missed out on so many of the usual events that are considered a 'rite of passage' as a Y6. They have coped admirably and conducted themselves with maturity and decorum. They are a thoroughly lovely group of children, who are going to be very much missed by everyone at school. This sad farewell is extended to those families who do not have other children with us, I would like to say an enormous thank-you for your ongoing support during your time as part of our school community. I wish you all a very bright, happy and healthy future and I very much look forward to hearing of your achievements and adventures.

And finally, a message to all (*with tears in my eyes*). The last few months have been one of the most challenging periods of time in my 20 years in Education. The support I have had from the staff team, governors, parents and school community as a whole has been exceptional.

Our incredible team of TAs, teachers, office and site staff have worked tirelessly throughout at home and school, from delivering certificates by hand, painting the school, making resources, cleaning, sorting, planning and preparing curriculum work the list goes on. Their dedication and commitment to Burton Joyce Primary School is second to none and I thank them from the bottom of my heart.

This along with the care and understanding from yourselves, be it via emails or kind words at the gate, have made a tremendous difference to us all. My sincerest of 'thank you's' to you all.

A school without children is a very strange place. The last few weeks, having the children back, has been really special and has given us all a chance to remember what it is like to be part of something and to belong. I know many of you will have concerns over what the months ahead will be like, perhaps worrying about how your children will cope or concerned about what they have missed. Please try to not overly worry. All being well, we will be back together in September and everyone here understands the different starting points academically, socially and emotionally that the children may need.

Now though it is time to enjoy the summer holiday. Whether you are managing to get away or staying at home I hope you have a wonderful time and we very much look forward to seeing you in September (*it goes without saying of course should guidance change I will be in touch beforehand*).

Please take care everyone. Keep smiling and keep well,

Mrs. Cook