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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and we hope that you managed to have a wonderful, restful break over the summer.

It has been an incredibly busy summer, with lots of building work going on at school and a very busy first week back for our children. We have 'old' routines to get used to again, which won't be without their 'teething' issues, but we hope that any problems will be resolved quickly.

The work we have carried out has been to improve our school and provide a better, safer learning environment for our children. This includes:

- Converting our old ICT suite into a new year 2 classroom.
- Re-modelling the old (small) Y2/Y3 classrooms into a larger Y3 classroom and a small intervention space.
- Remodelling our Hive 2 classroom into a new year 5 classroom.
- Remodelling our Den classroom into a new year 5 classroom.
- Repairing the roof to prevent any future water leaks (this has been a historic problem for the school).
- New carpets in our emotional well-being rooms and foundation stage classroom.

Follow our Facebook and Twitter pages to see photos of the completed work – we are really pleased with the difference and the children are loving their new spaces.

Communication with Parents

One of our priorities this year is to improve the way we communicate with you. We are aware that sometimes, not all information sent out reaches you. We are therefore going to start sending out important information across several platforms, in the hope that you are able to access at least one of them. The below are the platforms we will use:

- Parent Pay – this will allow you to pay for lunches and visits
- Marvellous Me – individual class teachers will use this platform to communicate with you;
- Facebook – any important letters and/or information will be published on our school Facebook page – please follow us to access this;
- Letters – sometimes, we will send out hard copies of letters where we require consent from you however, as we are trying to reduce our carbon footprint, this will be on rare occasions.
- WE NO LONGER USE PARENT MAIL SO ALL PARENTS/CARERS NEED A MARVELLOUS ME ACCOUNT. IF YOU NEED HELP WITH SETTING ONE UP, PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF OUR OFFICE TEAM.



Car Parking

We have received some complaints about people using the disabled car parking spaces in our school car park. These spaces are reserved for blue badge holders only so please find alternative parking if you do not possess a blue-badge.

COVID-19 Update

The infection rate in the city is currently one of the highest in the country so please continue to be vigilant, especially with regular handwashing and social distancing.

As you are aware, we have relaxed most of our restrictions, in line with the Government guidance however, we still have a very robust risk assessment in place, alongside our 'Outbreak Management Plan' which you can find on our website here: <https://dorchesterprimary.org.uk/covid-updates/>

You will see that there is the possibility of safety measures returning should we have an outbreak or the rate significantly increases. We will continue to liaise closely with the local public health team to ensure our measures are up-to-date and appropriate.

Messages from the Office Team

We have now moved over to Parent Pay for you to pay for school lunches and visits. As a result, we are now a cashless school so please do not send money in with your child. All parents/carers need to register for Parent Pay regardless of whether you pay for lunches or not as you have to select that your child is staying hot dinners so we can calculate our numbers. If you are having any issues registering, please speak to a member of our office team.

Once the current stock of uniform has gone, the school will not be stocking any more. We have found that some items of uniform have been in our cupboards for many years so, to prevent this from happening, all uniform should now be ordered on our suppliers website, which can be found here: <https://x3-clothing-online.co.uk/dorchester-primary-school-hull/> This will then be delivered to the school, where it can be collected.

Finally, we are excited for what is in store for our school and community this year and, hope to be able to open our doors to you once again. From next Friday, we will start our 'celebration assemblies' in person, where we will invite parents/carers of those certificate winners to come in and share their child's success. You will receive your invitation on a Thursday if your child is one of our weekly stars.

Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or queries, and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours Sincerely,



Stuart Mills
Headteacher