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Dear parents,

This is the first newsletter of the year and I would like to say 'Welcome back' to all of you and also a 'Welcome' to our new Reception parents.

The children have been back in school for four days now and thankfully, from our point of view, routines and the school day have been running successfully. Your children have been absolute stars! This comes as no surprise to me, but still, I have been blown away by how they have adapted to the new routines and the new way of schooling. All the planning that went into the full opening of school has been worth it. They have been truly missed in school and we are so pleased to have them all back. The staff at Heathlands have been truly superb! Like the children, they have been getting used to all of the changes and teaching in a different style. It has been a real team effort! I'd like to thank every one of them for pulling together and making our school a great place to be.

Our priority in starting back, has been pupils safety and their well-being. In class, we have had a focus on pupils' well-being. Lessons have taken place which have allowed the classes to discuss any concerns and worries that they may have had about coming back to school, along with things that they were looking forward to.

The start and the end of the day has been a big change for us all. We are aware of the challenges that this has brought to parents, especially those of you with siblings in different year groups and key stages. Throughout these times, the safety of the school community is our priority and making sure that all are able to enter and leave the school site while maintaining a level of social distancing and protecting our bubbles. I thank you for your patience with this and being so supportive with everything.

There are two points which I would like to remind you of. Unless you hold a blue badge, the car park is not for parent use. I have noticed some parents tail-gating into the car park. This is not permitted. Also, once you have collected or dropped off all of your children, please leave the school premises and do not loiter.

Mr Byrne and I are at the gates each morning and afternoon. If you have any points that you think may help refine our systems or any other feedback, then please let us know. We do now have a new email address for general enquiries. It is now [enquiries@heathlands.uwmat.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@heathlands.uwmat.co.uk). Please note also that the 'keep in touch' email address is no longer monitored.

Please note, the three remaining Inset days for this year are: 4/1/21, 19/4/21 and 7/6/21

Mr P Higgins  
Head Teacher

