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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families continue to be healthy, safe and well and have had some family time together not of the home-schooling variety! We are very much looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Thursday 3rd September - alongside our new Nursery and Reception children in the coming fortnight.

We are still in the middle of a pandemic and must therefore not become complacent. I am re-issuing the Parents Information Sheet sent out at the end of last term including updates based on most recent government recommendations We have received some questions that are all answered within the document, so please take the time to read it carefully – thank you.

Some of the questions have included queries about before and after school clubs - we are able to operate the Breakfast Club as per government guidelines BUT there will be no after school clubs until after the autumn half term. Breakfast Clubs accounts have been populated until Christmas and any credit on your account from March has been deducted from the balance owing.

Our catering company we will operate a packed lunch only option for the first half of the autumn term when we then hope to move to hot school meals. We will update you as we move towards the latter provision BUT in the meantime can all parents opting for a school lunch sign into parents.feedinghungryminds.co.uk and choose either a meat or vegetarian packed lunch in preparation for next week. If you do not order a meal, please provide your own packed lunch for your child.

I would like to remind you that parents are unable to enter the school unless an appointment has been arranged so if you need any assistance please telephone or email office@st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk

Whilst we have planned the entry and exit times and appropriate routes for your children and you - if they do not work or become compromised in any way, we will inform you and make appropriate changes. It is really important at drop off and pick up that you come at your designated time, stay on the marked lines and exit swiftly. We will have some members of staff in hi-viz jackets to guide you.

Whilst children do not need to wear face coverings, it may be that some of our staff do and will. In the main they will be the visors or smaller face masks but I am sure most children are used to them now having been out and about with you over the past few weeks.

We need parents to ensure their children are fit and well before coming to school each day. It is important to understand that if a child in a class were to test positive for Covid-19, then the whole class would need to stay at home and start the isolation process. This is per guidance. I am hopeful that with all the guidance in place this will not be an issue.

Please ensure that on the School Communicator app you have clicked the top left-hand menu option and then Personalise to select the correct 'Channel' (year group) to get messages for your child/ren.

I am looking forward to having the school community back where we all belong. I know the staff are eager to see the children, to see how they have grown, how they are keeping and above all to be able to share their educational journey in real time not virtually. *'Together we learn and grow through worship and celebration'* – we have a lot to celebrate as we come together to re-start school life properly and with everyone.

*Mrs Moreland
and ALL the staff at St Edmund's School.*