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*"Called to love as God loves"*

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school. I hope that you have all enjoyed a relaxing summer break. The children have returned to school with smiles on their faces and are looking very smart in their new school uniforms.

We welcome the new Nursery and Reception children to our community and I have to say I am extremely impressed with how quickly they have settled into school.

We also welcome new class teachers Miss Monks in Year 5 and Miss Butterworth in Year 4. Miss Stubbs has joined the Early Years Team and Mr Littleford the Year 6 team to support children with transition to high school.

### **School Improvement**

During the summer, we continued with our school improvement programme and I am pleased to announce that the Lower Key Stage Two and Early Years areas have been re-decorated. We also completed the final phase of our boiler replacement in the junior building. We had planned for three new external class doors for Mrs McFee, Miss Whitehead and Miss Monks. However, due to delays in the supply chain, only Miss Monks's classroom had a door fitted. Plans are afoot for the doors to be installed as soon as possible.

### **Safeguarding**

In order to ensure our safeguarding procedures are robust and effective, can I please ask that the data collection sheet sent out last week be returned as soon as possible to ensure we are able to contact you quickly in the event of an emergency.

### **Punctuality**

We have now returned to pre-Covid arrangements for dropping and collecting children school.

KS2 - Gates will be opened at 8.40am by a class teacher. They will be closed promptly at 8.50 am when the teacher on duty will take the children to class for registration.

KS1 - Gates will open at 8.45am. The class teachers will collect their classes from the playground at 8.55am.

Reception - Gate opens at 8.45am for registration at 8.55am.

Nursery - Morning Nursery Session 8.55am-12.00noon, Afternoon Nursery Session 12.00noon-3.00pm, Full-time Nursery 8.55am-3.00pm.

I would ask that you ensure your child is in school on time to minimise disruption to others and be confident in the knowledge that your child has a smooth start to their school day.

### **Applying for Secondary School Places**

May I remind all parents in Year 6 to complete an application using the online application system available on the Oldham Council website. Applying on-line is the only form of application as Oldham Council no longer provides paper application forms. The online system opened on 1 August 2021 and closes at 5pm on 31 October 2021. If you don't have access to the internet, there are computers in all Oldham's libraries. You will need an email address, these are very easy to set up and staff at the library will be happy to help.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Ms M. Garvey

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#### **Diary Dates:**

Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021	Photograph Day
Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Year 3 Audiology
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	School Closes
Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021	School Opens
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Reception-Year 6 Flu Vaccinations



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