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Dear Parent,

I hope you are all well and have managed to enjoy the summer holiday period. For some of you it will have been an extension to the weeks already out of school, whilst for others it will have been a break from attending school during Lockdown.

For staff it will have been a break from being in school, but I know they have all been working hard on the many adjustments and changes that will face them as dedicated staff in a primary school when we start back again next week.

For me..... I never did like a break anyway!

So, the days and weeks have passed, and whatever our thoughts and wishes, pupils will be expected back into school next week for the start of a new academic year.

Here at Selattyn, we are very excited to see everyone again and welcome you all back into our school family. We are especially looking forward to meeting our new Reception pupils and hope they will soon feel at home here.

As usual there have been many updates and new flashes from the Government and others, but please be assured that we will all be working hard to make sure our school is as safe as it can possibly be, whilst still being a happy, supportive, challenging learning environment.

An updated risk assessment will be in place and all new guidance will be followed.

Selattyn C.E. Primary School will go ahead and open using the arrangements and conditions that were given out to parents at the end of last term. These arrangements continue to be on our school website. The primary focus will be to maximise safety in our school, using an extremely stringent system of controls. A main feature of this system is to divide our school into government suggested *Bubbles* to ensure the maximum level of safety. Government advice is that there will be no mixing between *Bubbles*. Further to this, in all classes, Staff will be maintaining social distance from pupils and other adults. Where this is not possible, Staff may wear protective visors, for instance in hearing a child read or in assisting a child in Reception or administering first aid.

Staggered entry and exit to school will be using *Bubbles* to help maintain the safety of all children, **therefore, unfortunately, it will not be possible to change your child's allotted time of entry or exit as it will mean a cross-over of Bubbles.**

Full school uniform to be worn by all pupils please, with the usual school shoes. PE uniforms to be left in school for the full half term duration.

Our normal school policies will be in operation with our school rules and behaviour rules in place to make sure it is a happy, respectful and fair place to be.

As the days turn into weeks and the term rolls along, I am sure we will all get used to these new systems. The children will probably just get on with it as they do.... and all of us adults will eventually find a way to normalise it all. Having grandsons in Secondary School, Primary School and Nursery, I know just how

infuriating and difficult it is for parents to have to change routines, ask for more concessions at work or reorganise your day yet again and I truly sympathise, whilst not being in a position to make it all go away.

So, I look forward to welcoming you back to Selattyn C.E. Primary School next week, and am excited for a great term ahead.

Yours Sincerely,

C.P.P. Morgan (Head)