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Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the cooler weather that has been coming our way. We have just completed our first full week with the children and are now into week two. Despite a few little glitches that had to be worked out, things have been going well. Currently, our priority is to keep everyone safe and happy at school. For this, we will continue to need your support. Please take note of the following:

**Morning Drop Off:** Currently, the teachers are greeting the children outside and they line up to enter the school. As a rule, buses arrive between 8:30 a.m. and 8:40 a.m. It is important to note that there is no supervision on the playground until this time so if you drive your children to school, please ask them to wait until they see an adult supervisor or teacher(s) outside. We also ask that as adults, you are social distancing while doing so. This will help to set a good example for the children. If you are unable to maintain a 2-meter distance from other adults and children, please wear a mask. Once your child has entered the playground, if you wish to visit with other parents, please move away from the entrance to allow other students and parents to arrive while maintaining a safe distance. Eventually, we are hoping that we will be able to eliminate the lines and have the children go directly into the school (like last year), but we are not there yet. **Note:** Any children who arrive late at school are to come to the front door and sign in with the school secretary.

**Afternoon Pick up:** Please be here to pick up your child no later than 3:10. Again, we ask for your help. The children who walk home on their own will leave by the upper playground exit and the ones who are being picked up will leave by the first entrance. There will be an adult supervisor monitoring this. It is important that you be visible so that your child can see you, but please do not block the exit as this creates congestion and makes it hard to maintain a safe distance. If possible, please spread out along the fence so that social distancing can occur.

**Technology Survey:** Soon we will be sending you a link to a short 3- minute survey that is very important. Please take the time to fill this out as soon as you can. While we hope that this will not be the case, we must be prepared in the event that we have another shut-down period as we did last March. If this should occur, our goal will be to ensure that the children still have access to learning and that we are able to communicate effectively with you. Knowing what kind of devices and internet access you have will be important in helping us to develop a plan and support you as parents when necessary.

**Phone calls to the School:** If you need to make a change in your child's routine, please send a written note in the morning. Last minute requests by phone will only be accepted if there is an emergency that requires a change. With 325 students in our school, the office is a very busy place and we cannot accommodate these types of requests on a regular basis.

Wishing you all a great week!

Best Regards,

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