



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of a new academic year at Meadowbrook!

As Serena mentioned, by now your children should all have received their welcome back letter from their class teacher, and should be thinking about preparing themselves for a return to school.

New parents, I hope you and your children have managed to meet your new class teacher (or are making plans to do so) even though it may be digitally. There will be lots for you to take on board, but you will find a wealth of support in our community and there will be plenty of people to help you 'learn the ropes' ...albeit socially distanced!

I myself am embarking on a new adventure this year as I take on the role of Headteacher for the start of the autumn term. After 25 years on the team, I feel I am well-equipped to continue all the good work that has come before me and to follow Meadowbrook's guiding principles and ethos. Having taught mother and toddler sessions, pre-primary, Reception, years 1, 2, 3 and 4 AND headed the parent committee, I feel that taking on overall headship is a natural step in my Meadowbrook career. I am extremely excited to be taking on this role and can't wait to get started on the new academic year with the rest of the team.

While our return to school has been planned to feel as 'normal' as possible, there are naturally regulations and restrictions that will be in place in September, which may even exceed past the October half term. Meadowbrook's Risk Assessment and COVID-19 Handbook (both amended by Serena to cater for new guidance in September), explain the systems we have in place to ensure children and staff are kept safe from the risk of COVID. We have not issued you with the Risk Assessment as it is a weighty document designed primarily for staff/internal. Please read the Handbook carefully, as it contains information you will need to know for the first day back.

We will not be able to run our usual welcome back evening this term as we are unable to hold large gatherings, so this year we are planning to have class Zoom sessions instead. These will be staggered over the evening to allow each family to attend multiple classes where needed, which will also allow me to sit in on each meeting. More information will be forthcoming nearer the time though you will notice some provisional dates in the calendar.

On a day-to-day basis I will still be teaching Years 1&2 but I am contactable every day by leaving a message with Joy in the office or through the headteacher email address:

headteacher@meadowbrook.uk

If your query is regarding my own class and you are contacting me as a class teacher, please continue to use sarah.warner@meadowbrook.uk

I will also be available for parent meetings after school each day from 4.00-5pm, so please do book an appointment if you have any queries, concerns or just want to run something by me. Obviously, whilst I am teaching I will not be able to respond to your communication but will get back to you by the close of business.

In the meantime, enjoy the rest of your summer break and we'll see you in school very soon!

Kind regards,

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Headteacher