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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for helping us ensure that the start back to full time school for all, was both successful and safe. The children have been fabulous and the school is fully alive again. We are conscious of how tired some of them have been in getting back to a sustained day at school and intend to move slowly to full- on academic expectations. We have told the children that we want them to get used to enjoying being back, used to following rules and behaving appropriately, so that all can feel safe; rather than worrying this term about the work they did during lock-down.

We are trying to make things as normal as possible and had our usual assemblies using the internet to link each class, on Monday and Friday. Clubs have restarted.

At the moment we want children to be as smart as possible, but also warm and comfortable in class, so they need to wear lots of layers, including their school sweatshirts. We will revert to full uniform expectations after Easter.

We are concerned that families get support to cope with the return to school. We are able to refer families to Early Help. We can also get access to the Food Bank for people who are not already using it. We have access to funds from the Gorsuch Langley charity and other sources if you are eligible for Free School Meals, if you are struggling with getting appropriate clothing for school and we as a school will be accessing grants from the County to support families with uniform. The full details of this have not been shared yet, but the intention will be to focus on school providing sweatshirts and PE kit and hopefully school shoes if the funding is adequate. It is always very important that every family eligible receives Free School Meal support. Please apply for FSM online at:

- <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>
- fsm@shropshire.gov.uk
- [0345 678 9000](tel:03456789000)

Even if you are only eligible and claim FSM for a single day for your child, this will enable the school to receive £1320 every year for the next 6 years.

We are also working in partnership with the Education Welfare Service to support families who have or have had difficulties with getting their children to school, getting them here on time, or who have suffered traumatic experiences that might impact on school attendance. The Service will be contacting families that might benefit from support over the next few weeks.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr A.J Parkhurst.



