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Thank you everyone,

The first full week of school has been very busy and many of the pupils and staff are feeling it after the first full week in school for many months. The pupils have been superb this week and have really supported each other and followed all the rules we have had to put in place. We are always trying to improve our systems even more so please email me if you have any suggestions.

As you may be aware the COVID rate in Tameside has more than doubled this week so staff in school will be extra vigilant in ensuring pupils limit their contact with each other around the school. Thank you for all your support in this matter.

Star of the Week and Captain's Table

Star of the Week

Year 1	Alice
Year 2	Malaikah
Year 3	Freya
Year 4	Abbie
Year 5	Rebecca
Year 6	Oscar

Captain's Table

Year 1	Klay
Year 2	Ayaat
Year 3	Aafiyah
Year 4	Riley
Year 5	Lily
Year 6	Katie

Headteacher's Award: The Whole School for an excellent start to the school year.





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The Curriculum so far...

This week, we have been completing assessments about where the pupils are in their current learning. This will support the teachers in addressing the gaps from missed learning in the previous year and also supporting the pupils in learning from the new year that they have started.

Early Years start

Both Nursery and Reception have made a fantastic start this week. The pupils have come in really well and quickly learning in all the areas inside and out. We understand that some pupils may struggle coming into school at first but the staff will support you and the children as much as we can to bring them in.

Home Learning

I just wanted to clarify the school's procedures if a child tests positive for COVID-19. If a child tests positive the whole phase will be asked to leave school and isolate for 14 days. During that time work will be set for the pupils to complete that we will expect completed when the phase return. The work sent will be addressing the gaps that have been recognised during the assessments this week so please help us by completing the work.

Staff are also conscious that at the moment we are not sending home reading books. Please continue to read with your children with either books at home or accessing Oxford Reading Buddy which is an online reading scheme we use in school. If you are in Year 6 please access Reading Plus to support your child's reading.

If you do have any school reading books that your child used during lockdown, please can you return them to school so we can quarantine them for 72 hours before they are used in school.

Entering and Leaving School

Thank you to everyone that has followed the directions into and out of school this week. It has started to run really smoothly and means we are able to keep children in their bubbles without contact with each other. Can we just ask that when you collect your children you leave the premises as quick as possible and don't let the pupils go onto the climbing frame and other equipment? These areas are specially designated for year groups during the day and pupils playing on the equipment could lead to a spread of the virus across the school.





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Year 4 Swimming

Just a reminder that Year 4 swimming lessons will take place on Monday from 2.10-3pm so Year 4 pupils must be collected from school at 3.30pm. If you have any queries about the procedures the swimming baths have put into place, please contact me or the Ashton swimming baths.

Behaviour Policy

Our new behaviour policy that is on our website. We hope that it gives pupils more chance to change their behaviour and makes it clear about the consequences if they do not follow our school values. The biggest change is in our communication to parents about red cards. Whenever a child receives a red card a member of staff will contact parents and ask to speak to them. This message will usually come as a text so please make sure we have your latest contact details.

Attendance

Our new attendance policy is on the website this week for you to look at. There are no big changes apart from communicating with parents quicker to avoid potential fines and supporting families through these challenging times.

If your child displays any of the symptoms of COVID please keep the children at home and arrange to take the test as soon as possible. The symptoms to identify if you are concerned are:

- Persistent cough
- High temperature
- Loss of smell or taste

After School Clubs

Sorry there has been a delay in organising clubs this term, next week a letter will be going out about after school clubs which will be starting soon. Please complete the form and return as soon as possible for your child to receive a place.





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Communication

One change we made during lockdown to create special year group emails for parents to be able to contact has been a great success. We will be continuing to use these emails this year so if you have any questions do not hesitate to email your child's class teacher or me.

The emails addresses are:

Nursery: nursery@canonjohnson.co.uk Reception: reception@canonjohnson.co.uk

Year 1: year1@canonjohnson.co.uk
Year 3: year3@canonjohnson.co.uk
Year 4: year5@canonjohnson.co.uk
Year 6: year6@canonjohnson.co.uk

Once again, thank you for your patience and support for the staff of the school. Do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything at all and please stay safe.

Have a great weekend and look forward to speaking to you soon.

Mr Bidgood Headteacher

