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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year. I hope you all had a lovely relaxing break and for those who went away, that you didn't get caught up in disputes or extreme weather.

Hopefully, all of you who are new to Chantry have had a good first week. If you are worried or feel a little unsure about anything, please don't hesitate in making contact with us. Ideally, use the small blue contact book which all children now have, as this then saves the congestion that we sometimes have in the morning at the school office.

Next week we will return to our normal newsletter format with our stars of the week, attendance and sharing the learning for each year group. For now, I will share a couple of important points.

Firstly, attendance and punctuality are always a really big focus for us and rightly so for any school. It is a parent's legal responsibility to ensure that their child attends school and on time. I will be meeting with parents to discuss attendance where this is an issue to put in place plans for improvement. If a child is absent from school, it does impact on their learning and we want the very best opportunities and outcomes for our children.

Secondly, we aim for excellence in all we do and this includes the wearing of correct uniform. If you are struggling to provide the correct uniform for your child, then please let us know. We always have good quality items to give out and we can support with this. Children should be wearing their ties and plain black school shoes/boots or trainers. Looking around school at the moment, uniform is generally good. Please can I remind parents that only a small wrist watch (not smart watches), stud earrings and religious jewellery is permitted.





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Thirdly, all children should be coming home with a contact book and reading book. Please read regularly with your child and write in the reading record as this is so important for children to get into good habits with reading.

Lastly, some parents are concerned about parking across the road as the Ordnance Road car park is now ANPR. We have found out the following: All relevant information from the council can be found here :- <https://www.gravesham.gov.uk/parking/changes-car-parks>

From what we have read, there is a 10 minute 'grace' period. Please take care though and check this out for yourselves as we cannot as a school be held responsible for any parking fines which are incurred.

Next week, we look forward to seeing you after school from 3.15 -3.45 to meet the teacher sessions and view your child's classroom and the school if you wish.

Monday - Year 1, Tuesday - Year 2, Wednesday - Year 3, Thursday - Year 4, Friday - Year 5.  
Reception and Year 6 will have different arrangements with more information to follow.

As Head Teacher, I am very excited for the academic year ahead and I am so lucky to be leading such a great school community. I thank each and every one of you for your anticipated support for the year ahead.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Duncan

