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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the **new headteacher at Jubilee Wood**. I am delighted to have the opportunity to serve the local community here and aim to do all I can to ensure that the children attending continue to be happy and achieve highly. Together in partnership with you, I look forward to giving the children the best possible chance to flourish and to make the most of their huge potential. The children I have met so far at JW have been lovely and the staff I have inherited here are an excellent and very enthusiastic team with the best interests of the children at heart, so the school has strong foundations in place.

I will be sending home a **whole school newsletter each week** at the start of the week bringing you news of all that is going on at the school, including key dates for events and deadlines on the horizon.

Of course, during the pandemic, it is an unusual time for all of us. Becoming the headteacher of a school with mostly empty classrooms is a strange experience, but as the days and weeks pass we hope to increase the number of children returning to school. So far, we have 2 groups of **Key Workers' children** attending school each day, one group of **15 Reception children**, 2 groups of close to **15 Y1 children**, and tomorrow we welcome back **3 Y6 groups** with close to 15 children in each. All in all, over 100 children are in school this week. In a few days we will be contacting parents of Nursery (F1), Reception (F2), Y1 and Y6 once again to ask if they would like their children to start attending school in what we will call 'Phase 2' of the re-opening of the school – this Phase 2 will be in the week after next. We have an excellent set of **safety arrangements** in place to ensure that children attending school can socially distance and maintain good hygiene, and these are helping to reassure the parents that have brought their children back this week that they are safe returning. The groups of no more than 15 children are all in isolated '**social bubbles**' so if there is an illness in one group, the other groups will not be affected. An extra measure we are taking this week to minimise the chances of transmission of the coronavirus is to test the **temperature of each child** when they enter the school premises – we have thermometers that take a person's temperature in seconds without us having to touch them, which is proving very useful indeed in making sure that no-one enters the premises with Covid-19 symptoms.

For those parents that are **home learning** with their children at the moment, please do make use of the **online learning** that the various year groups are letting you know about through Parent Mail and Marvellous Me. Do please contact your child's teacher by email if you have any queries at all about home learning – if you do not have the email address for your child's teacher please look out for a letter later today with this information via ParentMail. In some cases, because some of the teachers are teaching groups full-time now, teacher responses to emails will come from *another* teacher who is not at this moment with a daily group. Those parents that have requested a **paper learning pack** for this term are being contacted to let them know when to pick up the work – they will all be ready this week.

In the meantime, I hope that you have a wonderful week, and I look forward to meeting you very soon. Stay safe.

Mr O'Brien, Headteacher

