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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the new academic year at Paddox Primary School and a particularly warm welcome to anyone joining our school for the first time. I hope the summer has gone smoothly for people and that the children are ready for the year ahead.

It has been lovely to greet some of you on the gate in the morning as I start the process of leading the school. Mrs Le Poidevin was incredibly generous with the time and support she gave me during the handover period and I know that she will be much missed by all of those involved in the school.

My main aim at the moment is to do a lot of finding out; I want to get to know the many wonderful people here (both adults and children) and see how this great school works before we start making any big plans for the future.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know you, our parents and carers too, as our relationship and good communication is key. It is great that we have an active Parents' Council and I look forward to working together with this body for the benefit of all our children.

I have attached a copy of the Autumn Term calendar dates for your information. Any changes will be notified.

My time on the drive this week has brought to mind the importance of us all being considerate in a crowded space each day. The zig-zag lines out there serve to keep all of us, including of course our children, safe. With this in mind, please can I ask that everyone acts safely and responsibly at all times.

Also, you may have noticed that the communications being sent home from school are from a different provider. Further information regarding this change and changes relating to making payments will be sent home next week. We apologise for any confusion.



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Myself and each class teacher have talked to the children about them showing all of us how they live our school rules: 'ready, respectful and safe' in all aspects of every day as this will equip them really well to be successful.

Following the announcement of the death of the Queen yesterday, we considered how we should respond to this significant event with the children this morning. We held a brief whole school online assembly (although not Reception at this stage) and then gave each class time to process it in the way that best suited them. We have emphasised that having feelings about this is entirely to be expected and that what is most important is that we are all respectful in allowing different people to approach the news in their own way.

We are expecting further advice related to this and possible funeral arrangements next week and we will share any useful information with you as soon as is practicable.

I end just by wishing you a good weekend and thank you for the warm welcome that has come my way at the end of my first week here.

Best wishes

Kate Guymer
Headteacher