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Dear Willow Class families,

The class are settling in really well, especially so considering what a big change it is. We are very proud of how well they are settling and finding their feet and adapting to the new routine. The class is bonding really well too.

For those who don't know, the Willow Team are Mrs Fairbairn (Mon), Miss Raheem (Tues-Fri), Ms Coverdale (full time), Mrs Johnsen/Miss Lucas (part time).

Please do come and speak to us if ever you have a worry or a concern. We can do quick chats before or after school but for anything longer please do make an appointment so we can dedicate the time to it. We can be reached by email via the 'Contact Us' section of the Willow Class page on the school website and will endeavour to get back to you at our earliest convenience.

We will update the class page as often as possible with pictures, news and curriculum information. Looking at the web page with your child is a really good opportunity for children to share their learning with you and discuss what we have been doing.

In terms of homework, we will not be sending out any formal homework. We expect children to read daily at home with and to adults in a shared experience, aiming for a fun and quality time. Please refer to the website links on the class page. Please refer to the class page for good book suggestions. Occasionally, we invite children to do a piece of project homework that is linked to our work in school. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

A word about 'Show and Tell' – generally we are keen to show things that are related to our project and keen to celebrate successes and achievements from outside school, but please avoid your child bringing in unrelated things as there is precious little time left in the school day to fit things in.

On the website, there is a rough idea of a timetable – it does change often! Sometimes things take longer or less time and unexpected things crop up, so we go with the flow. The timetable balances out over the course of a week or term, so please don't worry.

PE is on **Monday** and **Tuesday** this term. Please come dressed in PE kit on these days.

Snacks for breaktimes – please provide a healthy snack each day.

Please always have a raincoat and sunhat in your child's bag – we do go out in the rain and sun!

Forest sessions – please come dressed in usual warm school tops and ensure trousers/leggings are worn. Wellies will be necessary as the weather deteriorates. You will be notified by the school office when forest sessions will be happening.

We are committed to delivering education of the highest quality that supports and challenges all pupils to learn and progress in a secure and happy environment.
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Now that your child is more familiar with Fir Tree, please feel free to leave your child in the playground when you drop them off in the mornings. An adult is always on duty.

Your child is welcome to bring in a small pencil case as sometimes they prefer using things of their own. We cannot accept responsibility if items get lost. Anything precious please leave at home.

Thank you for making sure your child has a water bottle in school everyday and for all the well labelled clothing.

We are enjoying working with your children and appreciate all the support we have received already.

With warm wishes

The Willow Team