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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to say a huge "Thank you," to you and your children for a great start to the school year.

The children have been fantastic. They have come back to school keen and excited, and have really 'thrown themselves,' into their learning. They have followed all of the new routines, and the instructions they have been given, with no fuss at all. You can be very proud of them.

The vast majority of parents and carers have been fantastic as well. So "Thank you," to all of you who have read, and are following, the new procedures.

We know it is frustrating, having to wait in line outside the school. We know there are times when you see an empty playground and don't see why we can't let your child in, straight away. But we cannot have more than one year group in the playground at a time, so we have allowed a 15 minute window for each year group. Your children's, and our staff's, safety is our prime concern and we will not compromise on this 15 minute window.

We have noticed a very small number of parents and carers who are choosing not to line up with everybody else, or are jumping to the front of the line, with their child. Lining up is an important measure and we expect all parents to join the line; both to keep everybody safe and as a common courtesy to those parents and carers who are already in the line. After lining up at the shops for so long, we should all be used to it by now.

We have also seen some parents and carers who are not observing social distancing guidance. As well as making other parents feel very uncomfortable, all the evidence from countries and areas where schools have been open for a while is that, if there is an outbreak of Coronavirus, it is most likely to be spread between the adults. So please make sure you are observing social distancing guidance.

Of course, as government guidance changes, we may need to change our procedures, so do make sure you check your e-mails and messages regularly. If you are not receiving e-mails or messages, please call (020 8654 2570) or e-mail (office@monksorchard.co.uk) to check that we have your correct contact details.

Also, please sign up to ClassDojo as soon as you can, as this is the best way to communicate with your child's class teacher, at the moment. Just e-mail the office if you would like help signing up, and they will pass your message to the class teacher.

Thank you again for your support and patience in these extraordinary times.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guy Fairbairn', written over a horizontal line.

Guy Fairbairn
Headteacher