## PORTISHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning and achieving together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a very enjoyable summer break and are as excited to be coming back to school as we are. The last 6 months have been a challenging period for the whole country and we look forward to taking a big step forward with all children coming back to school next week.

We are also thinking of our old Year 6 children and wish them well as they start their journey through secondary school.

A very warm welcome to the families of the 60 children in Reception. We can't wait to see our newest children arriving in their school uniforms for the first time. We will be able to offer you support and answer any questions in your online meetings.

We have been very busy preparing for school reopening and will be using the INSET to complete final preparations on Tuesday.

We will continue to be following government guidance and your cooperation and support will be essential in keeping each other, our children and our staff safe. Whilst many of the lockdown measures have been relaxed it is important that we all continue to follow the rules to minimise the risk of anyone catching the virus.

Please arrive at school as close to your child's start time as possible and drop and go using the one way system. Please ensure that you come with everything your child needs for the school day. Full details of everything you need to know are attached with this letter.

We are back to school uniform, children are expected to attend every day and the LA will be issuing fines for poor attendance. I am sure this will not be necessary in our school.

From Wednesday we will have 2 main school priorities that are mutually supportive and equally important, pupil wellbeing and educational progress.

Those of you who home schooled during the full lockdown will have done an amazing job and we applaud you. It is now back to us with your support at home with reading and home learning.

Lastly, thanks again to all NHS staff and key workers for the great job you did.

I am sure that by working together we can all stay safe and enjoy coming back to school even if it isn't quite school as we knew it, just yet.

Richard Riordan Headteacher Portishead Primary School