

# The Compass Partnership of Schools

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back.

It has been wonderful to see everyone returning to start the new school year. I hope you all managed to have pleasant summertime breaks and have been able to replenish your energy and rest well.

Headteachers and leadership teams have worked incredibly hard to update risk assessments and opening plans in readiness for this week and we have consulted with unions as part of this process. You will be able to view risk assessments and links to relevant guidance on each school's website, and our comprehensive frequently asked questions on the Compass website will provide you with all the information you need on our COVID-19 safety measures. Please do not hesitate to contact your headteacher should you have any questions, concerns, or worries as your child returns to school. We want to ensure you all feel confident and supported. We know it will be another very different term but are excited to see all the children back.

It is an exciting time for children. We will be approaching the year with confidence and optimism, embracing the opportunities ahead and getting swiftly back on track with learning. We all know that education is vital for our children's futures and that great learning builds confidence and ambition - we know it makes a difference.

You were all amazingly supportive last term and we thank you for your patience and understanding. The strength, resilience, determination, and dedication shown by the whole community will be needed in abundance again this term as we ensure children meet the challenges ahead. We will review our COVID-19 procedures regularly and update you as changes are made, so that we ensure you are fully aware of how they are supporting your child's education. Please be mindful of the staggered start and end times to the day so that we do not have gatherings outside of schools and continue to help reduce the risk of virus transmission.

Please do let us know of any suggestions you may have as the weeks progress – we want to ensure we are making things as manageable as possible whilst understanding that there will be some inconvenience for the foreseeable future.

Thank you on behalf of all the team for your continued support.

Very best wishes for the term ahead.

John Camp, Trust Leader