

28<sup>th</sup> September 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

*As we head into the fourth week back at school we are constantly reflecting on how the school has settled into the new school year. Everyone at school is extremely proud of how the children have returned to school and adapted to the new rules and procedures in place. It is fantastic to have the classrooms full of smiling faces once again. Parents and Carers have continually supported us in a very positive way and it's fabulous to greet so many of you each morning and evening. We have received many positive comments about how the school has settled back in as well as suggestions for the future. I know many parents feel that going straight into class is far better than lining up and wish for this to remain. I agree, the children come into class in a much more settled manner.*

*As we look forward to the coming months we will be exploring how to share whole class learning and events with parents. As they will more than likely be via videos or photos we have to be mindful regarding consent from parents to share images. With that in mind we are asking parents to ensure that they have completed **Consent for photographic images, video.** Children who have started school in the last 2 years will have completed an Ebor Academy Trust Pupil Registration Form and unless you have changed your consent you will not need to update your preferences.*

*Parents evening will take place after half term with a phone call home from your child's class teacher. We will be operating an appointments system and more information will be shared nearer the time.*

*Finally, one of the points on the Risk Assessment was for classroom doors and windows to be open to allow for increased ventilation, obviously with the change in weather the classrooms are cooler than they have been in the past. Our school has always been a very warm school with our under floor heating however with the increased ventilation children will benefit from increased layers. I ask that they are in the school uniform colours whenever possible. We are proud of our uniform and want to continue to look smart.*

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Helen Hayes-Smith'.

Helen Hayes-Smith

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