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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are having a great summer. I feel some sadness that I haven't had the chance to meet you all personally before joining you because of the coronavirus, but like all things in life, we need to make the best of what we have! I have uploaded a video to Facebook, which answers some of the questions I received via the questionnaire I sent out in July. I'm attaching it here in case you have missed it, and I hope it allows you to get to know me a little bit before I join you all this September.

Copy and paste into your browser to view:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1m3bTkq5idOuA8e9g05BTZriRZl6SzoFn/view?usp=sharing>

Through the questionnaire, some of you asked about the return to school in September. I am attaching a letter that was sent in July that details the changes we have made to make school safe for when the children return on 7th September. I hope it answers your questions. If we have missed anything, please do not hesitate to contact me via email: sengland@stbarnabasmat.com Of course, we will evaluate it daily and make any changes if they become necessary.

Our priority, as usual, is to make sure our children are safe and well in themselves - including mental wellbeing. This is about feeling safe, confident and in control of oneself. Excellent teaching and relationships that help children find strategies to cope, along with a positive approach that most things can be managed, is what builds this.

Over the first few weeks, staff will provide many opportunities for children to process the journey we have all been on during the pandemic. Most children will respond well to the return to some routine, especially if they are given a chance to talk about their experiences, feelings and anxieties. However, we recognise that it may also be very overwhelming for a few, and they will need something extra. **If you think this may be your child, please contact us before school starts.** Please speak to your children's teachers in the first instance, or Mrs McHale, our SEND teacher. Each child may need something different, so we must work with you as you know your child best.

In the meantime, enjoy the last couple of weeks of summer.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon,

Shelley England