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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been great to re-open the doors to all children this week, it made my day on Monday when I walked around school and could hear laughter coming from the classrooms. It has been great seeing lots of familiar and new faces at Caston this week and I look forward to seeing everyone at Parker's next week. As part of our risk assessment we have decided that I will work at one school each week and will only go to the alternative site if there is an emergency or to go on to the playground. This week I have been at Caston, next week I will be at Parker's and will aim to continue in this pattern. Even though I can only be at one school each week please do not hesitate to contact me at either site.

### Safeguarding

The designated safeguarding leads at Caston are Mrs Disney and Mr Halmshaw. If you have a concern about the safety or wellbeing of a pupil at the school please contact us through the office.

### Recovery Curriculum

As part of our preparations for the return of all children we have devised a recovery curriculum. This details what we are putting into place to support our pupils, staff and wider community in regards to learning and social emotional needs. Our recovery curriculum can be found on our school website should you wish to read it.

### Parents Evenings

We have decided to change how we operate parent's evenings this term in light of the current situation and also due to the fact that some of our children haven't been at school for some time. This term we will not be setting dates for holding parent's evenings but will instead contact parents to request an opportunity to talk to you about your child/ren. We would also like to invite you

to contact us should you wish to discuss with us your child/ren. We will begin contacting parents within the next couple of weeks and invite you to do the same should you have concerns and worries that you wish to discuss. Hopefully by taking this approach both yourselves and the school will be able to share concerns and worries as early as possible into the term and begin to put support into place where this is needed. These meetings will usually take place virtually.

#### Friends of Caston School

Caston is very lucky to have a dedicated friend's committee who do lots of fundraising for the school. During lockdown we used some of the money they raised through the Tesco token scheme to improve the wildlife area at the front of the school. Thank you to everyone on the committee and those who have contributed by supporting one of their events, as without you we wouldn't have been able to improve the wildlife area.

If you would be interested in joining the Friend's or have any ideas about how we could continue to fundraise during these unusual times, please get in contact with the school office who will be able to pass on your details to the committee.

#### Academy Conversion

We are currently aiming to convert to an academy on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020. Unforeseen circumstances may mean that this has to change but this is the date we are aiming for. Please rest assured that the school uniform will not be changing.

#### Behaviour Policy

The staff are currently in the process of reviewing the schools behaviour policy and would welcome your thoughts on what you think works well and how you think it could be improved. If you have any thoughts or suggestions on our current behaviour policy, please email the school office by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Kind regards

Mrs Sarah Disney