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Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to write to thank you for your support for your child's learning and for your support of our school systems and operations this term. We have opened up this the academic year positively with the aim of moving our school towards the normality of school life pre-covid times. As we are still currently in the pandemic and sadly numbers once again seem to be rising throughout the country, our return to school life as we knew it has been a little slower than we would have liked but it is only right in these uncertain times that we move forward with caution.

This term we have seen the return of assemblies, singing in school, children moving freely around the building, pre and after school activities and a return to the dining room. It has felt really great to re-connect with these activities and open up our school again in a way close to how we have known it before.

This term we continue to follow the guidance and operate our school in a way that is safe for all and to ensure it works for our children, staff, parents and families.

Our priorities for this school year are:

- To bring our school back together and return to "normal" arrangements, routines and standards at St Oswald's Catholic Primary School that we have known pre-pandemic March 2020.
- To embed our broad, balanced and exciting 'Touch the Future' curriculum throughout the school showing clear progression in children's knowledge and skills.
- Improve Mathematical skills in reasoning and problem solving.
- Establish a new EYFS curriculum in Reception.
- Continue to prioritise the importance and love of Reading throughout the school and introduce a new Phonics approach to teaching early reading.

Further details of the School Improvement Plan can be found in the School Improvement section of the website.

Moving our school forward to operating as we did pre-covid times is a major priority for us this year. Children and staff are working really hard this term to close gaps in children's learning. Staff are very impressed with the children's efforts and dedication to their studies. They have made a great start to the school year.



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By working together this academic year we will continue to move our school forward to achieve great things for our children.

My very best wishes to you all.

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