

3rd September 2020

Letter for pupils

Dear Pupil of Western Primary School,

I am aware that I am sending this letter to children whose ages range from 2 – 10 years so I am hoping that parents will read it to those of you too young to read it for yourselves!

For those of you who are new to our school, I would like to welcome you to Western, which is a fantastic school and where I am sure you will be very happy. My name is Mr Broad (although some of the older children like to call me Mr B!) and I am your Headteacher. I have been at Western for many years and feel really proud to be leading the school at this time. All the adults who work at Western (teachers, teaching assistants, the emotion and wellbeing team, kitchen staff, office staff and our caretaker) are brilliant people who work really hard to make sure that your time at school is happy and that you do the best that you can in all areas of school life. They are all really looking forward to seeing you back at school next week.

I wouldn't normally write a letter to pupils before the start of term but – as you probably know – things aren't exactly normal at the moment. Unfortunately, some of you have not been in school now for over 5 months; nearly half a year! I know it can be a tricky time for some children (and staff!) going back to school after the summer holiday – people can feel nervous and anxious. Some of you will be feeling even more nervous this time because you have been away for so long and because of Coronavirus.

School will be a bit different in some ways and this will take a week or two to get used to. The main differences are to do with the time you start and finish school and the arrangements at these times of the day. Lunchtimes will be a bit different too and we will all have to get used to keeping our social distance between bubbles. Washing or sanitising your hands regularly is also important as well as not sharing equipment like pencils, pens and iPads. But don't worry – your teacher will carefully explain everything to you on your first day back and you will soon get used to the things which are different.

The good news though, is that so many things are exactly the same as they have always been. You will still do your different topics and your teachers will make your learning exciting and interesting, making sure they include all the different subjects, including art, P.E. computing and everything else. There will still be some lunchtime clubs and after-school sport clubs will start again towards the end of September. The team from the Junction will also be there to help if you need them.

If I am completely honest, I'm a bit nervous myself about next week. It will be the first time I have started a school year as the Headteacher so perhaps you could help me to relax a little with a kind word when you see me!! More than anything though, I am just looking forward to seeing all of you back where you belong, laughing, learning and having fun with your friends and teachers. Can't wait!

I hope you have had a super holiday and that you enjoy your final week - I'll see you all soon.



With best wishes from,

Mr Broad

