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Dear parent / carer,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a fantastic summer; despite the absence of decent periods of fine weather! It seems that the best of the weather has saved itself for our return to school with temperatures predicted to reach nearly 30° towards the end of this week. For this reason I am happy for pupils to wear their PE kit tomorrow and Friday if they choose. Back to normal uniform from Monday 11th.

Once again, we are starting the year with a very 'full' school; year groups and classes are at capacity, indeed there are still waiting lists in most year groups. This is excellent however more and more of you are coming from further afield and are having to drive your children to school. I would ask that you do what you can to avoid dropping pupils off and picking them up near the school at 'peak times' and pay due consideration to local residents. Also I would like to remind you not to actually access the school site in your vehicle at the beginning and end of the school day when the children are entering and leaving the site. This is for the safety of the children and access is limited to designated school transport at these times.

I should also mention the recent media coverage regarding RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) and its use in schools. At this point, we do not have any confirmed RAAC in the school and have not been asked to close any areas. However we are taking a precautionary approach and using this as an opportunity to review every part of our buildings. Like many schools we are therefore currently working with our Local Authority to do this.

Finally, a huge welcome to our new Year 7 families. Hopefully you will have recognised the importance we place upon the transition from primary school and your child has been excited about starting with us today. I know this can be a worrying time so please do just get in touch if you have any concerns or queries.

Thank you everybody and have a great year at Weobley!

Yours sincerely,

Dean Williams