



Falcon Junior School

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Dear parents and carers

Welcome back to Falcon Junior and a special welcome to all of our new families in Year 3 and across the school who are joining us this year.

Firstly, I would like to say just how delighted we all are to have the school back at the Falcon Road site. This day has been a long time coming and to have all the children back again in one place is fabulous. There really is no place like home! I will record a virtual tour of the new modular building shortly. It has been all hands to the pump this summer to get the school ready for reopening. I'm sure you will join me in thanking all the staff and Mr. Smith, site manager, for their hard work and dedication in allowing us to open on time.

For many children, this is the first time that they have been back in school since March. Our main priority is to ensure that children are safe and happy at Falcon. There will be a period of adjustment for everyone as we reintegrate into school life. There will be lots of emotional support for the children as we ease them back into school. There are lots of routines and procedures that they will need to learn and get used to as we start working again. We know this will take time and will work with the children to get them used to everything.

We have followed the national and local guidance for reopening, using the Norfolk County Council Compliance Code and associated risk assessments to make sure we operate in a safe manner through Covid. These are published on our website under "Letters". We will spend a lot of time with the children going through our hygiene routines and have in place a regular cleaning schedule.

We have implemented a staggered start and end to the school day to reduce the footfall on site. I know this is not ideal and that the timings have caused problems for some families. With 480 children, we cannot get it right for everybody and have made our delay of 15 minutes as short as possible. Please do support us in this, this is from the national and local guidance and is to help keep pupils, parents and staff safe. We will monitor the start and end and will tweak it depending on how it runs – this is a new system and yesterday was the first time we have tried it!

Falcon will also be following the Norfolk County Council guidance on managing Covid cases. Should your child or anyone in your households show symptoms, please do not send your child to school. They will need to have a Covid test. If anyone in your household is self-isolating,

your child will need to self-isolate too. If your child shows symptoms at school, we will contact you to collect them immediately.

In September, Falcon will be working with the College of West Anglia and EdTech Demonstrator Programme to set up Google Classroom and the Google Suite across the school. This is essential should a local lockdown come into force to enable the children to continue learning. More information will follow on this exciting development.

If you need to speak with the office, please telephone 01603 441417 or email office@falcon.norfolk.sch.uk rather than come to the school. Visits to the school office are for essential visits only. If you need to see a member of staff, this will be appointment only and telephone or virtual appointments are preferable. Access to the office is through the small pedestrian gates at the front of school.

Thank you for all your support and good wishes. We are absolutely delighted to be open again and look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'E J Savage', written in dark ink.

E J Savage

Headteacher