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Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021,

Dear Parent/Carer(s),

Firstly, I would like to say welcome back to you all as we start the new school year - I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday. The staff have been busy preparing school for the children to start back with us today and I know I speak on behalf of the whole team when I say how much we were all looking forward to seeing them.

I am delighted to write this letter to you all as I start my new role of Acting Headteacher here at Dane Bank. Having worked at Dane Bank for the last 8 years as Deputy Headteacher, I have got to know some of you quite well – and I am looking forward to getting to know some of our newer parents over the coming academic year. I am very excited to get started in my new role and feel very lucky to lead such a lovely school and a wonderful team of staff. We have spent some of our INSET training days working on developing our School Development Plan and thinking about how we can make our school an exciting place that creates a ‘buzz’ for learning. I am aware that due to the COVID pandemic, we have missed out on some of our usual school events and it has been a shame not to be able to invite our children’s families in to school as much as we would have liked – we have missed seeing you in school! However, as COVID guidance changes from the Local Authority and central Government, I am looking forward to seeing more of you in school this year as we try to get back to some of our more normal routines, school events and procedures. We have lots in the pipeline – including assemblies, talent shows, sports tournaments and much more...!

I would also like to welcome some new staff who join our team this September: Miss Ratcliffe in Year 5, Miss Williamson in Nursery and Miss Harper as one of our support staff. I hope they will be very happy during their time at Dane Bank.

You will receive another letter later today which outlines some of the new COVID guidance from Tameside – this gives an update around new rules for isolation and testing. Our newly updated COVID risk assessment is also available on our website along with some information from the Government for parents – all documents are available here: <https://www.danebank.tameside.sch.uk/letters-and-downloads>.

Please also keep an eye out for my first newsletter – which will come out on Friday and will contain important messages and reminders as well as some good news stories from the week!

I am always here if you need anything at all so do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Joanne Lennon

Acting Headteacher

