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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Autumn Term at the Saints Federation. It has been so lovely to see all of the children and hear about the wonderful time they had over the summer with their families, from holidays in this country to those abroad, days out to the beach, near to home and further afield; they've all had a wonderful time and are so excited to share these memories.

Thank you to all of our parents who have offered such a warm welcome to our new colleagues. Our children are so very lucky to have such an experienced staff. The teachers and adults have worked hard to plan an exciting start to the term, full of opportunity rich experiences. This week, we have had in the Falconry Display Team as we launch our return to school curriculum, Up, Up and Away, with more exciting visits and activities to come. We hope that you will come into school from 2:45pm on Friday 15th September so that our children can show you their learning and what they have achieved.

We apologise for the planned challenges and tasks not arriving as promised over the holidays. Staff worked hard to produce and programme sending these so that you could all enjoy the challenge and get ready for the new term. The issue was due to the school being victim of an attempt to hack our computer systems and was completely beyond our control. Our IT technicians also worked hard to restore systems ready for the new term so that we were able to welcome everyone back into school to start learning. We seek to reassure you that the hack didn't compromise any of our data security or systems, but it did reset all time clocks which meant that communications scheduled to be sent weren't as the computer system believed that the send date had already passed. As adults, we know that sometimes these things really can't be helped and are completely out of our control; while grateful it wasn't worse, it was such a huge disappointment to our staff that, as victims of this criminal act, our community has been deprived of enjoying the build up to the new term in the way we had planned. Our thanks go to all those parents who showed us such human kindness, understanding and generosity of spirit.

We also had some unexpected changes to staffing over the summer, with Mrs Jo Brown and Ms Laura Mather accepting new jobs over the summer holidays. We wish them every success going forward and thank them for all that they have offered the children of our federation in their time here.

As you know the government continues its drive to address attendance issues in schools following the disruption caused by the pandemic. Alongside this letter is the school's formal attendance letter along with the leave of absence request form. We know that school attendance can be a real challenge for a variety of reasons. You can find advice and support on www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance, or speak to a member of staff; we are here to help.

You will have heard much in the media about RAAC being used in schools across the country and reporting the DfE stance that only those schools with RAAC would be contacting parents last week and that if you hadn't been contacted, there was no issue in your school. We are pleased not to be affected by this and to be open as anticipated.

We have already sent out to you our provisional dates for the coming year and you will see we continue to build in lots of opportunities for you to come into school. All schools are holding Reading and Mathematics Cafes. We would also like to invite you in for a 'Year Ahead Meeting' in the week beginning 18th September. This will be your opportunity to come in and meet your child's teacher and find out more about the year ahead for them in the classroom. Your child's school

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will be in touch next week to let you know the date/time of the meeting for your child's class as these will be on different days to enable parents with a child in one or more classes to have the opportunity to attend both.

We look forward to sharing more with you over the coming weeks and seeing you in school. Please remember, your class teacher is your first port of call, or an email to the office, if you need anything or have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Price'.

Rhiannon Price

Interim Executive Headteacher | The Saints Federation