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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and to the 2021-2022 Academic Year at Rye **Community** Primary School.

We have had a great four days back at school with the children. They have all settled well and we are looking forward to an exciting school year together.

This year, one of our aims is for parents to become more involved in **school community life** (particularly having been unable to, for almost two years, due to COVID). We have some exciting things on the horizon; we are hoping to hold more parent events and workshops this year; teachers are thinking of ways in which parents can increasingly be involved in their child's learning. We are also fortunate enough to have a group of dedicated parents eagerly planning a re-launch of the PTA; please register your interest at the school office if you would like to be a part of this group and the office will pass on your details to the relevant parents.

We would love as many parents/family members as possible to make a commitment to attending our events this year. When we have held events previously, many have only had one or two parents attending. We know how busy life can be, but we would really love for you to be an even bigger part of our school community. These events are a great way to meet other parents, ask questions and share ideas- not all problems can be solved virtually or on social media! Be a part of the change you want to see, by physically supporting the school as much as possible. Community doesn't just happen, it has to be built, but we need parents to build with us...

In this vein ...

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a "Meet the Teacher" evening. This will give you the opportunity to visit your child's new classroom and meet their new teacher.

Teachers will be introducing themselves, the expectations and planning for this term and the year ahead. We hope you will agree what a brilliant opportunity this will be to get to know your child's teacher and ask any questions that you or your child may have. This will be an opportunity for you to spend time with other parents from your child's class and get a real feel for where your child spends the best part of their day.

The "Meet the Teacher" evening will be taking place on Monday 13th September. There will be two sessions, lasting 30 minutes. The first will take place at 3.15pm followed by the second at 3.45pm, which will allow you to visit two teachers, if you have more than one child in the school. We are aware that there are a small number of people who have more than two children in school and may need to visit more than two classes; if that is the case, then please indicate this to the teacher that you are unable to visit in person and they will ensure that they give you a copy of their presentation and any handouts.

To ensure we keep our school as safe as possible we would ask you to respect the following mitigations in respect of COVID security measures. We would respectfully ask you to sanitise on entry, wear a face mask if you can. We will ensure there is adequate space in classrooms and good ventilation is in place. Please return the reply slips below so that we have an indication of expected numbers.

Yours sincerely

Miss K Martin

Head of School

Child's Name Class

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