

5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had a lovely Summer break and are ready to start the new school year tomorrow. A special welcome to all of our new families of Reception children who are joining us for the first time. We look forward to getting to know you and your child as they begin their journey with us.

Before the start of term, I just wanted to let you know that all of the work to update the gas main and pipes into school has been completed. The system has been tested and is working well. We have gas! Many thanks for all of your support last year with this issue.

I also wanted to reassure you all. You may be concerned about the situation with RAAC in schools that you have heard about in the media. I can confirm that Birmingham City Council told us last year that we do not have RAAC present in our building at Grendon. We have obviously **not** been contacted by the Department for Education. School is safe. We will of course continue to work with both Birmingham City Council and the Department for Education on any further action or surveying that is required for all schools.

We therefore look forward to seeing you all as gates open from 8.40am for children in Years 1 to 6. School starts at 8.50am and children need to be in school by then to collect their attendance hero stamp! Remember that Year 3 children will be dropped off by the bike shelter/car park area and will walk into school through the playground themselves. Staff will be outside to help. At the end of the day, 3J children will come out of school through the KS1 hall door and so will need to be collected from the KS1 playground at 3.20pm. Reception children and parents are in school at 9.00am for your stay and play session.

We will see you all tomorrow!

Best wishes

Mrs Ridley