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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a good weekend.

What an exciting morning we have had with Year 6 returning. To hear more chatter and laughter back in school is wonderful.

We understand that some of your children, or you, may be feeling anxious about returning to school. This is understandable given we are returning to school from something we have never been through before. We also acknowledge that all children will have had different experiences during lockdown. Some will be keen to get back into school whilst others will need a more gradual approach and may need some time to deal with any emotions they are feeling. We will listen to the children and respond in a sensitive and appropriate way.

Mrs Anderson has prepared a clear, simple guide to returning to school and in the film below it, Emily T (Year 6) walks through the school so that children can see any changes. These films are useful for all children to watch before returning:

http://www.barham.kent.sch.uk/parents/whole-school

Do contact school if either you or your child is still anxious as we may be able to help by taking you and your child around the school before their group begins.

Following a question from a parent, children are able to wear a mask to school if you prefer. One of our parents (Connor, Rian and Naoise's mum) has set up a company that supplies protective face masks. The masks come in different sizes from age 2 up to adults. There is a coupon code for staff, parents and pupils at Barham School: BARHAMCEP100FF which can be used on the Face Mates website.

https://sellfy.com/facematesuk

I will send the class groups out to all parents later this week.

We can't wait to see your children again.

Yours sincerely

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