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Dear Parent/Carer,

This morning started with the children in Y1/2 excitedly following a trail of gold glitter, golden coins and balloons to some treasure that Mr Willy Wonka had left for them. It was lovely to see such high levels of enjoyment and enthusiasm and it really kick-started the learning for the day. So many children spent part of their lunchtime play showing me recipes they had written or looking for Oompa Loompas!

In tomorrow's staff meeting we will be looking at where the learning gaps are and establishing a base-line identifying where the children are at the moment. We will then use this information to pull together a 'recovery curriculum' which will focus on English, Maths and learning to learn skills. We will also be placing a big emphasis on mental health and well-being and these areas will be explicitly covered. However, please rest assured that we will continue to offer our usual broad and balanced curriculum. Last week we wrote a 'Home Learning' policy which clearly lays out what will happen if individuals, small groups or bubbles have to self-isolate at home. I will send this out to you after I have shared it with the Governing Body next Monday.

Dropping off and picking up has got much slicker now that we are all getting used to a new way of doing things. I do have a few little things to nag you about though – sorry! Please could you leave the playground as soon as possible once you have your child/children and resist the temptation to have a chat with other parents, if you are waiting with your child for their sibling then please could you make sure that he/she stands next to you rather than playing with a friend. Finally, and this is the most important one as we are going to have an accident if we are not careful, please do not drive onto Escrick Street. It is very busy with pedestrians now as that is where you all wait to get on to the playground and cars going up and down add an unnecessary risk.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy week.

Yours,