



## Dereham Church of England Junior Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to returning to a little bit more of 'normality' when your children come back to school next week. We cannot wait to see everybody, especially your children.

For some of our pupils, by the time next week arrives, they will have been 'off' school for nearly six months; this is a very long time! Because of this length of time, we completely appreciate that some children (and adults) may be a bit anxious about returning. We want to reassure you, that this is completely normal. We cannot **promise** that everything will be fine or be flippant and say, 'don't worry', but we can **guarantee** you that we have done absolutely everything we can to make sure school is as safe as possible.

This letter is really to reassure you that it is ok to not feel ok! Worrying about something new, different or strange is natural. We will do all we can to help your children settle back into school and into a new routine, and we're sure you will do your utmost to prepare them for their return next week.

It is for this reason that we have attached a couple of links to resources that you may wish to use as a prompt for discussion with your child. As well as these, your child's class teacher will be sending you a message from their classroom sometime this week to show them what the classroom looks like and just to say hello. This will be posted on their Google Classroom – keep your eyes peeled!

We would also like to take the opportunity to remind you that a comprehensive 'Parent/Carer Handbook' is on our website, as is the letter from 16.7.2020 which details returning to school arrangements. These may help address any queries you may have. And, as always, you can contact us and we will do our best to get back to you as soon as possible.

In the meantime, have a lovely last week and we will see you very soon.

**All the staff at Dereham Church of England Junior Academy**

### Resources:

'Return To School & Starting School (including, 'It's Ok not to be OK')' - <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/return-to-school>

'Preparing Your Child For the First Day Back in School' -

[https://www.traumainformedschools.co.uk/images/preparing\\_your\\_child\\_for\\_the\\_return\\_to\\_school.jpg](https://www.traumainformedschools.co.uk/images/preparing_your_child_for_the_return_to_school.jpg)