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Dear Parents and carers,

As we come to the end of our second full week back in school, I am delighted with how well pupils (and parents!) have adjusted to new routines and systems. Thank you for all those parents that have contacted the school or spoken to a member of staff with positive feedback on how their children are enjoying their return to school and the safety measures that we have taken.

My aim in this letter is to not mention Covid-19 at all and focus on the joy of learning – after all, that is what we are in school for!

#### Reconnection programme

Teachers have been delivering a Reconnection Programme to all pupils since we returned in September. This was carefully designed by staff to meet the pupils' social and emotional needs after being out of school for such a long period. We will continue to deliver elements of this programme throughout the year, addressing any concerns and worries that pupils may be experiencing at this unusual time.



#### Curriculum Delivery

Teachers will begin to teach the formal curriculum from Monday 21st September. We are very aware that pupils have missed a large chunk of their previous year's curriculum and despite everyone's best efforts, remote learning would not have been able to replace the face to face teaching in class from a

qualified teacher. Therefore, planning has been adjusted to ensure pupils revisit topics from last year and work at a pace that is right for them.

Next week you will receive a curriculum map for your child's year group, which shows the topics that they will be covering this term as well as some useful resources for you to use at home to support their learning.

### Specialist curriculum delivery

We are delighted to have secured specialist coaching in Rugby, Multi Sports and French for some year groups across our schools. Our aim is to give pupils the experience of some specialist teachers and coaches to enhance their learning experiences and develop a love of learning in a new area of the curriculum. These lessons will happen during curriculum lesson time and your child's curriculum map will show if they are benefitting from a specialist teacher or coach each term.



### Peripatetic music lessons

James Reed, a peripatetic guitar and ukulele teacher will be resuming lessons on both school sites this term. Many pupils continued to access his online teaching through lock down and are looking forward to being able to resume face to face lessons. If you would be interested in your child starting guitar lesson, please refer to the attached letter from him. This gives details of the lessons he offers and his contact details should you require further information. Please contact James directly with any queries and all payments.

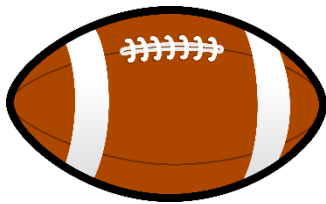
### After School Clubs

We have been understandably cautious about committing to additional after school activities until we could see how the new systems and procedures in place are working. We are now in a position to welcome external after school coaching clubs at Wellington Primary Academy (Rippa Rugby) and Wellington Eagles (ActiveMe 360). We are also looking forward to welcoming Chelsea Football back after half term, when they have available coaches and Eagles have moved into their new building and have their own football pitch!) **Both providers are offering a FREE taster session for your child next week**, before children need to commit and pay to attend the weekly club. Your child must be booked into the taster session in order to attend next week and this should be done **directly with**

**the provider**, as should all further bookings and payments. All clubs will run from the end of the year group's school day.

For Ripra Rugby, Year 3 will be on Tuesdays finishing at 4.00pm Year 4s will also be on Tuesdays and finish at 4.15pm. Year 5 and 6 will be on Thursdays and will finish at 4.15pm. Parents should wait outside the main school entrance gate, where their child will be dismissed by the coaches. To sign up for next week's free taster, please visit [www.ripparugby.co.uk](http://www.ripparugby.co.uk) and choose the drop down for Wellington Academy to complete the booking.

For Active 360 at Wellington Eagles, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be on Thursdays, finishing at 4.30pm. Parents should wait outside the main school entrance gate (next the Sports Hall), where their child will be dismissed by the coaches. To sign up for next week's free taster, please visit <https://www.activeme360.com/product-category/after-school-clubs/> and choose the drop down for Wellington Eagles and complete the booking.



Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Addis