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Dear Parents,

Following the Government guidance released on Thursday 2nd July, we are delighted that we will be open to **all pupils from Wednesday 2nd September**. We are really looking forward to welcoming you all back to school, although things will feel a little different to usual, we are thrilled to be reopening to everyone in the new academic year.

As things stand there will be a few minor adjustments to our normal school routines. The main ones are connected to our physical layout. Due to only having one small entrance to our school, entering and exiting the site is extremely difficult, whilst abiding by social distancing regulations remains in effect and large numbers of parents gathering in small spaces are to be avoided.

Dropping off

Drop off time will be extended **to between 8.30am – 9am**. We would politely ask that only **one parent** drops off (or collects) your child at school. Parents will be asked to drop children off at the gate where they will be greeted by a member of staff. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to come onto the site during drop off.

If you need to give a message to the class teacher, please do this via emailing or ringing the school office.

Please be mindful of social distancing and gathering at the school gates.

If your child is anxious about coming into school on their own, please contact your class teacher to discuss what we can do to support you.

As we get close to the start of term, we would like to ask for your help in explaining to your child(ren) that things may feel a bit different to normal and that all the staff are here to help them. If your child is particularly anxious, please let their class teacher know.

Pick up

In line with government guidance, we will need to have a staggered pick-up and drop-off system to ease congestion. We have plans for this but are very aware that we are making a plan 7 weeks in advance of implementation, therefore we felt that it is more useful to share this just before we return, which will allow us to be able to adjust systems should guidance change (either hardening or softening of restrictions).

Bus

Unfortunately, the local authority has advised that the bus will not be operating during Term 1. We hope this service will be reinstated from Term 2 onwards.

Classrooms

For the majority of the school day, pupils will remain in their classrooms. Movement around the school will be limited to avoid the mixing of year group bubbles.



Children will be encouraged to socially distance where possible.

Children will be organised into year group or phased bubbles. They will come together in these bubbles for playtimes and lunchtimes.

For example:

Year R will be a 'bubble'

Year 1 and 2 will be a 'bubble'

Year 3 and 4 will be a 'bubble'

Year 5 and 6 will be a 'bubble'

Children are encouraged to sit facing the front of the classroom rather than at groups of tables, facing each other.

Equipment

In line with Public Health guidance, classroom-based resources, such as books and games, can be used and shared within the bubble; these will be cleaned regularly (along with all frequently touched surfaces).

Between classes, some equipment will be placed into quarantine for a minimum of 48 hours (72 hours for equipment made of plastic).

Children will have their own set of regularly used equipment e.g. pens, pencils, white boards.

We will be asking the children to limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day to the essentials such as lunch boxes, water bottles, hats, coats in a named bag. For older children, coats and bags will be kept on the back of children's chairs, this is to relieve congestion in cloakrooms.

Lunches

For the first couple of weeks of term, Sue Brady will be **only** offering a cold sandwich option. We will be reviewing this during the term, we will be contacting you for your input on this in September.

Specialist teachers

Specialist teachers will still be able to move between bubbles; however, they will have to maintain a 2m distance from pupils and other adults.

Before and After School Club Provision- Early Bird and Fun Club

We will be able to provide before and after school care. Where possible children will be kept in their phased bubbles, as outlined above. Where this is not possible, children will be kept in consistent groups.

Drop off will be 8am-8.15am. Children will be dropped off at the gate and greeted by an adult. **Children will need to be booked in to be able to attend Early Bird club. On the day bookings will not be permitted.**

More details about before and after school after school club will be sent out later this term.

Communication between teachers and parents

You will be able to communicate with the class teacher by emailing the school office. Teachers will be able to talk to parents by phone and will make appointments onsite to see parents.

Hand washing

Children will be handwashing regularly throughout the day. Sanitiser is available in all classrooms. This will become part of the usual routine during the school day.

The "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it" approach will also be used to encourage good respiratory hygiene.



Prevention – these guidelines remain the same.

If pupils or adults in the school have [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#), or have tested positive in the last 7 days they will be asked to remain at home.

If anyone becomes unwell in school with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), parents will be contacted as they will need to be sent home.

If a child is awaiting collection, they will be moved away from the rest of their class to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, with appropriate adult supervision. PPE will be worn by staff in these cases.

Parents will then be asked to follow the '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)', which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 7 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

Curriculum

Sit in your child's seat sessions will provide you with information about the curriculum for the year.

During the first couple of weeks, each class teacher will hold a session after school, where the teacher can introduce themselves, the curriculum and the routines of their class. Again, please check the calendar previously sent for the dates. Due to social distancing and space, we may have to hold several sessions for smaller groups of parents. **Details and times of this will be sent out in September along with the class curriculum newsletter.**

Music Lessons

We are currently in conversation with external music teachers to establish how we will be able to facilitate these in school. Individual teachers will be in touch when plans are finalised.

School Uniform

Although we relaxed the school uniform policy for those children attending school during lockdown, **we will be returning to our normal school uniform in September.** Guidance advises that uniforms do not need to be cleaned more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.

Children will be required to come to school in PE kit on PE days – these will be specified in the Curriculum Newsletter, sent out at the beginning of Term 1.

Summer Holidays

As we have said previously the Government is not asking schools to open over the summer holidays and there is no expectation they will be open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. We have also attached information from the Local Authority regarding their provisions for Summer Holiday Clubs. This is also on the school website.

We will be closing our premises at term end on Wednesday 22nd July and will be allowing staff to take time to refresh and make the necessary changes before we open the school gates to the autumn term on Wednesday 2nd of September.

Reminder: Tuesday 1st September is a TD day!



Term 1 – September 2020

We will be uploading a 'Welcome Back' message onto Class Dojo during the week beginning the 31st August. We are all so looking forward to bringing the whole school community back together and moving forward in the new academic year.

May I wish you all a happy end to the term and a restful summer.

Yours sincerely

Claire Hann-Perkins
Headteacher

