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School Reopening - September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

8 August 2020

I hope you are well and enjoying your Summer break. I am pleased to be writing to you about school reopening and to let you know about what school life will look like in September.

School will reopen for ALL year groups, except the new Nursery and Reception children (see separate letter) on Thursday 10 September 2020. As you are aware, Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 September are our Training Days with a pre-booked, external trainer for 'Read, Write, Inc' that we simply could not change. I apologise for the short notice, but under these unique circumstances, the extra day is required to train all staff in new systems and procedures around COVID-19 and to fully prepare for a safe reopening. Thank you for your understanding in this important matter.

Breakfast Club will reopen on Thurs 10 September - a separate letter will be sent to the families that use this.

To ensure the welfare of the children and the whole school community, we have put in place a system of controls and protective measures. Last term, we maintained a safe environment due to the very careful planning, and pupils and parents following our guidelines. This will be even more important as the number of children returning in September will be much higher.

To make entry and exit into school as safe as possible, staggered start and finish times are essential. It is also important that you arrive on time, as we are trying to limit numbers on the school grounds and crossover of bubbles. Adults are the greatest risk to each other with the spread of COVID-19, so it is crucial that you do not congregate around the school gates, entries, paths or on the playground.

Please drop off and collect your child, at the allocated time, at the main (vehicle) gate or side (ginnel) gate. Do not approach school staff, and where possible refrain from going to the school office. Please phone or email instead, if you have anything that you want to let the school know.

The school will be organised into 4 KS bubbles (Nur/Rec, Y1/2, Y3/4, Y5/6). Although most of the time, children will remain in their class groups, there will be times when wider mixing, in their KS bubbles, will be happening.

Most children will eat in their classrooms, while some will have their lunch in the hall. Hot grab bags will be served, instead of the usual hot dinners. Packed lunches and free school meal systems will operate as normal.

There will continue to be robust hand and respiratory hygiene alongside enhanced cleaning arrangements within each class. All classes have been issued with a set of cleaning and protective equipment (hand sanitisers, tissues, antibacterial wipes, first aid pack, cleaning spray, cloth, etc).

We expect all children to be wearing full school uniform, which needs no additional cleaning or washing, other than the normal standards of hygiene.

We are currently finalising our plans for a catch-up curriculum to fill the gaps that will have naturally developed over the last few months. This will include vital PHSE activities and exercises which will support the children's well-being and development.

CLASS	Nursery	Nur/Rec BUBBLE	CLASS	Reception
Staff	Mrs Hough Mrs I Smith Miss Sultan		Staff	Mrs Osborne Mrs K Smith Miss Hammill
Arrival time	8.50-9.00am		Arrival time	8.50-9.00am
Gate to enter/exit	Vehicle gate		Gate to enter/exit	Vehicle gate
Home time	3.10-3.20pm		Home time	3.10-3.20pm

CLASS	Year 1	Y1/Y2 BUBBLE	CLASS	Year 2
Staff	Mrs Shaw Mrs Ingham Mrs P Phillips		Staff	Miss Pratt Mrs Ali Mrs C Phillips
Arrival time	8.40-8.50am		Arrival time	8.40-8.50am
Gate to enter/exit	Vehicle gate		Gate to enter/exit	Vehicle gate
Home time	3.00-3.10pm		Home time	3.00-3.10pm

CLASS	Year 3	Y3/Y4 BUBBLE	CLASS	Year 4
Staff	Miss Holtby Mrs Ibrahim Miss Berry Miss Daniels		Staff	Miss Holder Mrs Ibrahim Miss Craven
Arrival time	8.50-9.00am		Arrival time	8.50-9.00am
Gate to enter/exit	Ginnel gate		Gate to enter/exit	Ginnel gate
Home time	3.10-3.20pm		Home time	3.10-3.20pm

CLASS	Year 5	Y5/Y6 BUBBLE	CLASS	Year 6
Staff	Mrs Cole Miss Lloyd Miss Bray		Staff	Miss Appleyard Miss O'Hara
Arrival time	8.40-8.50am		Arrival time	8.40-8.50am
Gate to enter/exit	Ginnel gate		Gate to enter/exit	Ginnel gate
Home time	3.00-3.10pm		Home time	3.00-3.10pm

I hope the above plan has provided you with all the key information. I would like to reassure you that the children's safety and well-being is paramount, as is their learning and progress.

We are greatly looking forward to welcoming the children back to school, and our families into our school community.

We are very aware that for some children it has been a long time since they have been in school and may be a little apprehensive. We will do everything we can to settle them back happily into their school routine, while filling in gaps and catching up on lost learning as quickly as possible.

I will keep you informed, as new national or local guidance is released over the coming days and weeks. I will also be letting you know how the children are adapting to the changes and settling into new routines.

Thank you for all your support. I hope you all have a happy and safe Summer and look forward to your return in September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Snejberkova-Taylor
Acting Headteacher