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9<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe we are the end of another school year! As we move towards the end of term, there are several pieces of information to let you know.

The last two years have been extremely challenging for everyone, with lockdowns, remote learning, and self-isolations. Following the announcement by the Education Secretary, should we reach step 4 in the road map, key restrictions will be lifted from the 16<sup>th</sup> August. Our 'Plan A' is to assume restrictions will be lifted, changes from September include:

- Children do not need to be kept in consistent bubbles;
- Assemblies can resume in school;
- Classes can mix at lunchtime;
- Children under 18 will not be required to self-isolate if they have been in contact with a positive case - they will be advised to get a PCR test;
- Close contacts will be identified by NHS Test and Trace rather than school – unless there is a further outbreak;
- Face coverings are no longer advised for staff and visitors in classrooms or communal areas.

### **Organisation for September**

Children return on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021, with Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September as PD Days. All children will arrive at school for a flexible entry from 8:50am, with doors and gates closing promptly at 9:00am. Collection for all children will be at 3:20pm. Entry and exit points remain the same, with Nursery at the front of the building, Reception entering through the Early Years outdoor area, KS2 directly into classrooms and KS1 in the main playground entrance.

Should step 4 not be reached and current guidance remains in place, I will be in touch with you over the holidays. Please be aware that should there be an outbreak in school or the local area after the 16<sup>th</sup> August, we may be asked to reinstate restrictions.

Please be reassured that measures such as good hand hygiene and ventilation in classrooms will remain in place. Should a child display Covid symptoms from September we will continue to send them home and recommend a PCR test as per Public Health advice.

You will be advised of your child's PE days in September. Another positive from Covid has been children coming to school in their PE kit, this will continue in September.

## **P.D. Days and Bank Holidays**

Professional Development days will take place on:

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

In addition, schools have been given an additional bank holiday for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and can choose the date for this. As a school we have opted to take Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022, children will therefore return to school after the Christmas break on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

## **Uniform**

Our school uniform remains the same and information can be found on the school website. We now have a second supplier, Motif8 where uniform can be ordered and paid for online.

## **Attendance**

Since the return in September 2021 school attendance has been mandatory, whether in school or via remote learning due to lockdown or isolation. Our Attendance Policy has been updated and will be fully implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021. This is available on the website and I will be in touch when we return with further information.

## **Contact Us**

There are many ways to get in touch with us: text messaging service, school email, telephone and Seesaw. With the return to more normality in September, individual staff emails will not be released. If you do need to contact your child's teacher, please use one of the listed methods and we will arrange for them to contact you. Alternatively, with restrictions potentially easing you can speak to them at the end of the day. I would ask that you avoid speaking to teaching staff at the start of the day as they are busy preparing the children for learning. We will be introducing MarvellousMe from September, this is another way teachers will be able to contact you about your child's learning and to celebrate their achievements.

## **New Teachers**

Your children will be told who their new teacher is on Monday. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have a meet your new teacher session with the children as at present we must maintain consistent bubbles. Your child's new teacher will visit and wave at the door throughout the week and we have activities planned to support the transition.

## **Test and Trace**

Once school finishes on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July, I will still be required to support Test and Trace. If your child tests positive for Covid can you please notify through the text messaging service. I will monitor the text messages periodically throughout the summer if you do need to get in touch.

## Farewells

We wish everyone who is leaving Myton Park at the end of the Summer Term well in their new schools. I would like to say a particularly fond farewell to our Year 6 cohort. This has not been the final year in primary school that anyone would have wished for them but they have risen to the occasion admirably. Even with the disappointment of transition being virtual, they have held their heads high and embraced the opportunity to see some of their new schools albeit via Teams.

All that remains is for me to say on behalf of the whole Myton Park Team is a massive thank you to you all for your support this year – it really means a lot. From me personally, thank you so much for making me feel welcome as your new Headteacher, I am looking forward to working with you all next year.

Have a safe and restful summer and we will see you all again on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.

Yours sincerely  
Janis Williams  
Headteacher

