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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer holidays, I wanted to confirm our arrangements for September with you. Following the publication of the revised guidance (16<sup>th</sup> August) we are keeping to our 'Plan A':

- Children do not need to be kept in consistent bubbles;
- Assemblies can resume in school;
- Classes can mix at lunchtime;
- Children under 18 ½ and adults who have received both vaccine doses 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;
- Face coverings for parents on the yard will be optional.

### **Organisation for September**

Children from Reception to Year 6, including the Hub will return to school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021, with Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September as PD Days. Nursery children will return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. 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.

Please keep to the right on entry and exit to the school grounds. In order to keep potential transmission of the virus low, we do request that all parent/carers depart the school site as soon as they have dropped off or collected children.

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 however mild, we will continue to send them home and recommend a PCR test as per Public Health advice.

I must stress that should an outbreak occur in school or the local area, we may have to reinstate some or all of the restrictions previously deployed. Guidance has provided schools with clear guidelines as to what constitutes an outbreak. In line with government guidance our risk assessment has been updated and we have a clear Outbreak Contingency Plan in place. All decisions will be made in conjunction with Public Health advice and in the best interest of our children, families and staff.

You will be advised of your child's PE days in September. A 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
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – please note the change of date.**
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

In addition, schools have been given an additional bank holiday for the Queen's 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 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 email addresses 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 Marvellous Me from September, this is another way teachers will be able to contact you about your child's learning and to celebrate their achievements.

## Building Work

When you arrive at school in September, you will see that our new classroom is now finished. In addition, we have an amazing new outdoor area for our children in Early Years. The large equipment is in place and we are excited to see this area evolve as the children return.

I am sure you will appreciate that with large scale building work, delays are inevitable, particularly during a pandemic. Whilst, we have use of our main entrance again, building work continues here. School can be accessed, however, we ask you to only come into the main entrance during this time if absolutely necessary. As detailed above, we have a range of contact methods available and we will get back in touch with you.

Enjoy the last few days of the holidays, we can't wait to see you all again in September.

Yours sincerely  
Janis Williams  
Headteacher

