



Monday 13th July 2020

Dear Parents

By now, I am certain you will have heard the government plans for all pupils, in all year groups, to return to school full-time from the beginning of the autumn term. We are very excited at this announcement and can't wait to welcome all of our children back on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.

We understand that some of you and your children will be anxious about returning in September, after some months out of school. The leaders and I have been working hard to plan the safest way of welcoming back all pupils and mitigating risk. I hope that the measures detailed in this letter will help to put your mind at ease.

Measures in place around the school

- Children will remain in their class group or 'bubble' for the whole day. They will take break, lunch and lessons together with the same key staff
- Staggered start and end of day will support social distancing at busier times
- Children will access school, in their 'bubble' by named entrance and exit points (more details on these in August)
- Both schools have always had hand sanitisers, however we have set up additional hand sanitising stations around the school
- We will not be running breakfast clubs or after school clubs straightaway. This is to ensure that we can maintain safe 'bubbles'. We will of course review this and will be in touch when we feel it is safe to resume these facilities
- Visitors to the school are being kept to essential visitors only. For this reason we ask you to contact us by phone to arrange meetings. We hope our open door policy can be reinstated soon, when it is safe to do so

Measures in place within the classroom

- Classrooms will be arranged so that children are spaced at least 1m apart
- Children will have their own named space in the classroom and therefore only use the same desk. This will be sanitised at the beginning, middle and end of the day
- Children will have their own named equipment, stored in a named bag, this will also be sanitised at the end of every day
- Children will wear their school uniform. Where possible, try to ensure that this is a clean uniform daily
- First aid or personal care will be administered by our trained staff. PPE equipment is provided for this purpose

Curriculum

- We are mindful many of you will have concerns regarding the amount of school your child may have missed. Please be reassured we have adapted our curriculum and teaching methods to ensure that opportunities are provided for all children to address these gaps. We will arrange a parent consultation, in a safe format, in October for you. As always, please discuss your concerns with the class teacher or senior leaders before then, if you wish.
- We are keen to start work with the children as soon as we can but we are mindful that we may need to revisit some basics before we can do this. The first two weeks will be taken to support the children in classes, groups or on an individual basis. We can't wait to share our new book and whole school topic with you and your child.

We will be in touch with you again in late August to provide further details of the times and entrances you will be using to come into school. Please keep your eyes on our text service, website and Class Dojo. In the interim if there is anything you wish to speak with myself or the team about please contact us.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday. I look forward to seeing you in September, if only from a safe distance.

Yours sincerely

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