



Dear Parents

I hope that you are keeping well and enjoying the return to a new normal. We are loving having our children back in school. I am very proud of the way they have returned; they are certainly living our values of *work hard, be kind, choose wisely*.

This week Mrs Casey, Mrs Kay and I have formally reviewed the risk assessment we put in place for the September reopening. We wanted to see if we could lift any of the safety measures we had put in place, whilst also taking into account some of the requests we have had, from both parents and staff.

At present, we feel that everything is going well in school and we are maintaining the safety of your children with the systems already in place. We are able to confidently say that groups (or bubbles) of children are not mixing within school. We are able to track and trace easily.

Unfortunately, this means I have taken the difficult decision not to reopen breakfast club or provide after school clubs for the present time. In my opinion, there is no safe way of providing these facilities without mixing the 'bubbles' and thereby putting your children and my staff at increased risk. This is constantly under review and will be reviewed again after half term.

We are happy with the way school opening and the end of day procedures are going at both schools. Thank you for your cooperation and patience. I have, however, been asked if the staggered starts can be changed or amended at Eton Park. We have therefore changed the times and will be communicating this with Eton Park parents via a further letter and class dojo.

Disappointingly, we will not be able to offer our usual face to face parent meetings in October this year. We will be providing you with a paper report, which you would usually receive in December. There will be an option for you to discuss this in more depth, along with any queries or concerns, via a follow up telephone call. This will be arranged at a mutually convenient time.

We hope that we will be able to welcome you into school later in the term. It certainly feels very strange not being able to have our usual contact with you. Please be assured that we are at the end of a phone should you wish to speak to any member of the team.

Yours sincerely

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