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September Return

Dear Parents,

This will be the final letter of the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication this year. I would like to thank all the parents of the school for their continued support in all areas of school life, especially after such a difficult year. I wish you all a happy and relaxing Summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all in September.

School re-opens to all pupils on Monday 7th September.

Please note the following DfE guidance regarding attendance from September:

"It is vital that children and young people return to school and college - for their educational progress, for their wellbeing, and for their wider development. School and college attendance will again be mandatory from the beginning of the new academic year. For parents and carers of children of compulsory school age, this means that the legal duty on you as a parent to send your child to school regularly will apply.

A small number of pupils will still be unable to attend in line with public health advice because they are self-isolating and have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves, or because they are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19). If your child is unable to attend school for this reason, you should talk to your school about what support is in place in terms of remote education.

Shielding advice for all adults and children will pause on 1 August, subject to a continued decline in the rates of community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). This means, that the small number of pupils who will remain on the shielded patient list can also return to school, as can those who have family members who are shielding. See the guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable for the current advice.

Some pupils no longer required to shield but who generally remain under the care of a specialist health professional may need to discuss their care with their health professional before returning to school in September (usually at their next planned clinical appointment).

Where children are not able to attend school as parents are following clinical and/or public health advice, the absence will not be penalised.

If you have concerns about your child returning to school or college, because you consider they may have other risk factors, you should discuss with your school or college the measures they are putting in place to reduce risks in line with government guidance.



Many families will want to take a holiday over the summer period, which may involve travelling abroad. As ever, parents should plan their holidays within school and college holidays and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school during term time."

A lot of time, thought and preparation has gone into ensuring all our children return to a safe environment in September and we will continue to do our best to ensure their safety while they are with us. As a school we will always endeavour to maintain social distancing guidelines, but there is no doubt this will be almost impossible. However, I can promise that my dedicated staff will help children to maintain the highest of hygiene standards wherever possible. All children will be taught the importance of and regularly reminded to wash their hands thoroughly and to keep their distance from other children and adults.

It is still a very unsettling time for us all, but rest assured that have been doing everything we can to make sure we are ready to receive all year groups in September.

Precautions we will be continuing to take include:

- staggering break times and lunchtimes
- increased cleaning
- keeping pupils and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home
- deciding which lessons or activities will be delivered and reducing movement around the classroom
- limiting the resources that are transferred between home and school
- ongoing and frequent cleaning to take place throughout the day
- staggered drop-off and collection times
- organising pick-up protocols that minimise adult to adult contact
- considering how to keep small groups of children together throughout the day and to avoid larger groups of children mixing
- considering how play equipment is used ensuring it is appropriately cleaned between groups of children using it, and that multiple groups do not use it simultaneously

Drop off times

8.30 – 8.40 – Nursery children – through the lower gate

8.30 – 8.40 – Reception children – through the lower gate

8.40 – 8.50 – Year 1 & 2 drop off – through the lower gate

8.40 – 8.50 – Year 3 & 6 children drop off – through the car park gate

8.50 – 9.00 – Year 4 & 5 children drop off – through the lower gate

All children to enter through their classroom door. The double gates onto the playground will be open.

Collection times

3.00 – 3.10 – Nursery & Reception – lower gate

3.10 – 3.20 – Years 1 & 2 – lower gate

3.20 – 3.30 – Years 3 & 6 – car park gate

3.30 – 3.40 – Years 4 & 5 – lower gate

All children to leave by their group's classroom door. The double gates onto the playground will be open.

Parents and carers **must not congregate** in playgrounds or outside school and must observe social distancing practices. Only one adult must drop off and collect to limit the number of people on site. It is **essential that you strictly adhere** to the school drop off and collection times specified for your child's year group to minimise contact and ensure the safety of all. Siblings can be dropped off at a more convenient time if timings are too difficult.

Lunchtimes

All children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 will continue to be entitled to a Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM), provided by funding from the government. During the first two weeks, this will be a 'grab bag' as we establish our new lunchtime routine within school. Hot lunches will continue after the first two weeks. Options may be limited so please check the school website for the most up to date menus. Key Stage Two children can purchase a daily meal for £2.40; nursery children can purchase one for £2.10.

Before and After school club

Before and After school club will re-start on Monday 7th September. Further information detailing how this will work will be sent out later in the week. Please inform the office if you require a place, thank you.

Please do not bring big bags and rucksacks. Only book bags are allowed. Children will change into pumps once in school.

On designated PE days, children must come into school in their PE kits (plain white t-shirts, black shorts or jogging trousers or leggings and trainers). As this will be their uniform for these days, they must wear the correct uniform. PE kits will therefore NOT be brought into school and left here. You

will be informed by your child's class teacher of their PE days during the first week back in September.

We have worked together as a staff to put together a 'catch up and recovery curriculum' for September. This will focus on key skills, especially Maths and English. We will be assessing the children early on in September and continuing to monitor their progress in order to address gaps in their learning.

Anyone who is displaying symptoms must not come into school and should follow Government guidance on self-isolating.

There is no need for anything other than normal personal hygiene and washing of clothes following a day in school.

All communication with staff or the school office **must** be done via email or telephone. All dialogue with staff must go through the office; please do not engage with teachers at drop off and collection times at classroom doors. This is to ensure everybody's safety.

We'd like to thank you for your continuous support in helping your child learn from home. You have done an amazing job and I am sure you will look back on this time and be grateful for being able to spend time with your precious children.

If you have any questions, please contact school by e-mail or phone.

Keep safe and happy.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R. Harrison