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Tuesday 1st September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 8th September** and are working hard to make the school a safe and enjoyable environment.

As you are aware, the government has announced that schools should fully reopen from the start of the upcoming autumn term. They have decided this based on:

- The prevalence of coronavirus decreasing
- The new NHS test and trace system being in place
- More clarity about the measures that need to be in place to create safe environments in schools
- Time out of school being detrimental to children's development
- The low risk to children of becoming severely ill from coronavirus

You will have already received a letter outlining the procedures that we have put into place. This is available on our school website.

In addition to this, we continue to review all updated guidance as it is released. Current government guidance states that face coverings will **not be** required in schools where children are under the age of twelve. We therefore ask that all children (who are wearing them) remove face coverings before entering school.

The Government has confirmed that attendance will be mandatory in September and that they expect all pupils to attend school. The usual rules will apply, meaning we will be recording attendance and following up on any absences. Please be reassured that we will look to support and reassure wherever there is a need.

If your children have been staying at home due to previous shielding guidance, the government ceased adopting this position as from the 1st of August, as a result of the continued decline in coronavirus transmission rates. This means that all children should be able to come back to school in September. However, if you have received clinical or public health advice that your children should remain at home, please let us know and continue to follow that guidance. Remote education will be offered to these pupils.

Although there will need to be some changes to reflect the teaching time that was lost during the lockdown, we will still be doing our best to provide an ambitious, broad and rich curriculum. We will provide a more detailed plan once we have assessed the impact of lockdown in relation to where our children are in their learning.

We are aware that the lockdown has been a difficult time for many of us, including our pupils. Please let us know if you think your children might need extra support when returning to school. You can get in touch with Miss Kilkenny via the school office to do this.



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If you have any questions or concerns about the points set out above, please get in touch with school on 01924 893829.

We are looking forward to welcoming our children back and extremely grateful for all the support we have received so far from the school community. We will continue to keep in touch if there are any updates to our plans or if we need to make changes due to new or updated government advice. Please visit our school website www.leebrigg.wakefield.sch.uk and the Waterton Academy Trust website, www.watertonacademytrust.org for updates and further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S. Gordon'.

Sarah Gordon

Executive Headteacher



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