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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope the children are excited about coming back to school next week. I am sure they are a little nervous at the same time.

I have received a couple of emails from parents, asking for clarification on a few points in order to ensure that the first days and weeks run as smoothly as possible. It is really helpful to know what children, and parents are concerned about.

I hope the bullet points below are useful and clarify any grey areas.

- PE kits are to be worn on PE days instead of school uniform. This will negate the need for children to bring extra bags and change during the day. In the first instance PE days are highlighted on the class pages and PE lessons will be outside whenever possible. Please send children in suitably warm outdoor PE kits.
- Children can bring school bags into school for water bottles, snacks, reading books, resources etc. However, as cloakrooms will be out of use for the time being, please could you ensure school bags are of a reasonable size so they can be kept on the backs of chairs or under tables.
- Although school will provide essential pencils and pens for children, it may be helpful for the children to bring their own pencil cases which can be used and kept on their desks. However, please try to ensure these are relatively small so as not to hinder each child's working space.
- We had originally asked for packed lunches to be brought in disposable bags, this was to negate the use of cloakrooms to store packed lunches. However, having considered parents' concerns over the waste produced, and wishing to see at the end of the day what children have/have not eaten, children can bring reusable packed lunch bags or boxes. Lunch boxes/bags will need to be kept in the children's school bag and hung on their chairs or stowed under tables for the day.
- We are aware that staggered start and finish times will bring complications for families whose children may start and finish at different times. This is unfortunate, but difficult to negate. Therefore, if you do need to wait with one of your children at the beginning or end of the day due to staggered start and finish times, I would ask that you observe social distancing within the school grounds whilst waiting. There is no need to leave the school site and return again later. I understand and apologise for this inconvenience but it is the best way to avoid 'pinch points' and maintain distancing during busy drop off and pick up times.

I hope these points have been helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact school next week if there are any other areas of concern that arise.

I look forward to seeing everyone next week.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Dickson (Headteacher)

