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School Provision from 4th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your patience and support during what really has been an extraordinary term.

As promised, following the signing off of risk assessments and planning by the local authority and governors, I am now in a position to share with you our plans for full school reopening from Friday 4th September 2020.

In line with current government guidance, we are planning to open full time to all year groups from 4th September. This is pending a further government announcement on 14th August, although I don't expect this announcement to change these plans at this time.

Below is a summary of the control measures and some of the changes which will be in place for all children when we return in September.

Control Measures

First and most importantly, individuals who are unwell with symptoms of coronavirus, or who have someone in their household who does, may not attend school. School staff will also be very cautious and if children do show any symptoms of covid19 they will be isolated and sent home as soon as possible. If a child shows any symptoms, please arrange for them to be tested and don't send them back into school until they have a negative result or have isolated for the specified period.

There will be increased hand cleaning and sanitising in place which will be timetabled into every bubble's routine and additional handwashing facilities are available around school. Additional cleaning will take place across the day with a real focus on regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces. Unnecessary and hard to clean objects have been removed from the classroom areas.

School Structure

Children will be working in consistent groups known as 'bubbles'. From September we will be employing class bubbles for the majority of time, with larger key stage bubbles used outside at playtimes and lunchtimes.

Children will remain in their bubble across the week and this bubble will not mix with other bubbles. The children will work with the minimum number of consistent adults in their bubble, with the avoidance of groups mixing. Each bubble will have their own indoor classroom space and will only share their playtimes and lunchtimes with the key stage bubble.

School Timings

In order to implement our control measures of keeping groups separate, we have adjusted the timings of the day. We will continue staggered drop off and pick up times to minimise the number of families arriving at school at the same time to help promote social distancing. The table below outlines the start and end time for each bubble:

	School Start Time	School End Time
Reception	9.15	2.45 (when full time)
Year 1/2	9.05	2.55
Year 3/4	8.55	3.15
Year 5/6	8.45	3.05

All drop off and pickups will take place on the school driveway where the teachers will collect children and let children go at the gates at each side of the school. We would ask only one parent, ideally a consistent parent, to do drop off and pick up and, unless special arrangements have been made, no parents are permitted beyond the school side gates at this time. Where siblings are in different bubbles, please drop off at the earliest start time and pick up at the latest end time. Children will remain within their classrooms and will be collected and dropped to you on the driveway at these times.

Where extended provision is required beyond the school day, wrap around care will be starting up again and booking forms have already gone out for this. Within the wrap around care, children will remain in their key stage bubbles to avoid any mixing. Please contact Mrs Tunnell if you've not yet booked into this.

Curriculum

Wherever possible, we will be returning to our normal curriculum offer in September. We believe children should receive a broad and balanced curriculum and we intend to offer this again next term. We don't believe that subjects such as art or music should be sacrificed at the expense of maths and English and intend wherever possible to retain our full curriculum offer for the children.

We are, however, very much aware of the impact this period of closure will have had on some children socially, emotionally and academically and this will be factored into our expectations at the beginning of term and we will be formulating a recovery plan to support this. We will revisit some of the key content children will have missed during the summer term and will also assess where children are early on to target specific gaps that may have emerged in this period.

Other information

- The school will be serving school dinners and children can bring in packed lunches if they would prefer. These will be offered through universal infant free school meals for our children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and will be charged in the normal way for our Key Stage 2 children.
- The government free fruit and vegetable scheme will return in September. So all children in Mrs Walker's and Mrs Laycock's class will receive a piece of fruit as a snack each day.
- All children should return to wearing full school uniform in September.
- Children are discouraged to bring anything unnecessary in from home. No stationery items are needed as individual packs will be provided and children should only bring essential items such as a

named water bottle and a packed lunch into school. Unnecessary items will be kept by staff and returned to parents at the end of the day.

- On days children have PE we would ask them to come into school wearing their PE kit to minimise additional items coming into school unnecessarily. Class teachers will send out a letter early on in the term instructing you about your children's PE days.
- Large gatherings in school are not permitted which means initially assemblies will be class based and either delivered by the class teacher or remotely via video.
- Communication with teachers should primarily be by phone or email. Although teachers may be available for a quick word at drop off or pick up, to maintain our control measures, they will not be able to engage in longer conversations in person unless this is arranged separately and agreed by the headteacher.

At this time, it would seem unlikely that this guidance will change over the summer but I will of course let you know if it does. However, if you don't hear from me during this period, we very much look forward to welcoming all of the children back into school on Friday 4th September.

I hope this email covers the necessary information for children coming into school in September but I very much appreciate this is a lot of information and, if you would like any clarification, please feel free to email or call me at the school

Keep well and best wishes,



Jonny Wallace