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Dear Parents and Children,

As I am sure you are aware, the Government announced last week that all children will be returning to school in September, as schools will then be open to all children from all classes again. Following this announcement, further guidance was released at the end of last week to support schools in planning and implementing strategies to ensure the safe return to school in September. As a result, I felt it was appropriate to write to you all to communicate the plans for Nanpean School.

The guidance was extremely detailed, hence there is much to read and take note of included in this letter, and stated a 'system of controls' which are actions that schools must take to prevent unnecessary risks.

First and foremost, there is a need to minimise contact with individuals who are unwell, so any children who display symptoms of coronavirus themselves, or have someone in their household that displays symptoms, are not allowed to attend school. I will also be sending out a step by step guide of actions that will need to be taken by families if we believe children are in school and possibly displaying any symptoms: this will be detailed in a separate document and will be available in flow chart form to support staff and families.

Please ensure that you carefully read and follow these guidelines, and make time to discuss these with your child so that they are aware that school will be quite different to how it was previously. In order to re-open safely, we are implementing the following:

- Staggered school start and drop-off times, as well as staggered school finish and collection times. In order to do this safely, we will be implementing a one-way system where possible and have a designated entrance for each class. **More information will be given in the next two weeks before the Summer Holidays begin, but it is an absolute necessity that children, under the supervision of their parents, arrive at (and are collected from) school at the allotted times, and are not late. This should ensure the safety of children and parents and that we follow guidance given to schools.**
- It is also of paramount importance that parents respect social distancing guidelines, other parents' personal choices (such as the wearing of face masks), and the plans we are implementing. These are all being put in place to ensure the safety of everyone, and it is very clear that different people have varying levels of anxiety in relation to Covid-19: **please respect the choices of others and follow rules set out in the guidance.**
- When doing either of the above (drop off or collection of children), please ensure that only one parent is present at school, again to ensure social distancing and not too many parents on site at one time.
- There will be staggered playtimes and separate play areas will be utilised to minimise risk of mixing between groups. **More information will be given in the next two weeks before the Summer Holidays begin.**
- Government advice is stating that children must still stay in designated groups, and they specifically suggest year group 'bubbles', so we will be limiting contact between children in different year groups / classes.



- Children will remain with staff designated to work with their group. As per guidelines, there will only be a few staff (due to their roles) allowed to visit all groups, and these staff will strictly adhere to social distancing guidelines.
- In their classroom, guidelines state that children will need to be seated behind tables that are in rows facing the board, and sat side by side to their peers. This will be in place for Years 2 – 6, and for Years R and 1 when they are at tables. However, the nature of learning within these classes will involve practical work where children will not be sat at tables.
- We will be doing our utmost to ensure that children socially distance but are aware that this will be difficult to do with young children. However, we will be constantly reminding all children of this expectation, but are aware that Year R and 1 children in particular will find this difficult.
- We will also ensure that adequate hand washing facilities and hand sanitizer is available in all rooms.
- Please do not send children with unnecessary equipment or resources. The only items we would like them to bring is their Reading book, PE Kit and packed lunch. Caterlink will be able to provide lunch provision if you would prefer your child to have a school dinner.
- Regarding uniform / clothing, we will be expecting children to wear correct school uniform. This includes sensible coloured socks and small hair bands only, as well as black school shoes (not trainers).
- When in school, we will be minimising the use of resources to ensure the risk of spreading germs is low at this time.
- We also will be promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach and reminding children of the need for this when they cough or sneeze, for example.
- We will also be ensuring regular cleaning continues to take place to minimise any risk.
- Finally, the Department for Education has decided that staff are not expected to wear PPE. However, we do have PPE available for certain circumstances, such as First Aid provision, or if staff would prefer to wear this.

### Attendance

The Government and Department for Education now expects children to be at school in September. It is the parents’ duty to ensure children attend school, and it is the school’s responsibility to ensure attendance of pupils is high, to record attendance and follow up on any absence. We will continue to do so, alongside the Student Welfare Officer. The Government have now confirmed that they will recommence the issuing of sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, to parents where the attendance of their children is a concern.

### Community Events

Unfortunately, it is very unlikely for the foreseeable future, and certainly for the Autumn Term, that we will be able to arrange community events which involve large gatherings. Our FANS (Friends Association of Nanpean School) group have worked tirelessly on planning events for the children and community, that also raise extra funds for our school, and I am extremely grateful to them for this. However, all of their wonderful ideas will need to be put on hold at this time.



### Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities

Unfortunately, as we are unable to have mixing between groups, this also means that we will be unable to complete whole school Assemblies in the hall during the Autumn Term. Instead, Assemblies will take place in classrooms, and the 'Star of the Week' will still be announced in the classroom on a Friday morning.

Due to the current guidelines, it will not be possible to run after-school or extra-curricular activities, such as after school clubs, during the Autumn Term, and until guidance allows this again. We usually have a vast array of 'clubs' available to children but will be unable to offer these at this time.

As a result of the guidelines, our Year 5/6 Residential visit to London, which was due to take place during the Autumn Term, has also been cancelled. We are currently in the process of trying to rearrange this for June 2021.

This also means that it is very unlikely we will be able to produce a usual KS1 Nativity Play this year, or hold events such as Harvest Festival or Christingle, during the Autumn Term. We will still ensure that there is coverage of these things during curriculum time in lessons.

### Parental Consultations

As a school, we are constantly working hard to increase parental engagement and communication with parents, and we report to parents (verbally or written) three times per school year (once per term). Usually, these are face to face meetings during the Autumn Term. However, this year, we will be completing these in a different manner, either by communicating with a written summary, or via telephone calls. More information will be given during the Autumn Term.

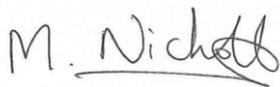
### Transition (between classes)

We are also extremely aware that our usual transitional process of moving from one class to another hasn't been able to happen this year. In the last week of term (from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2020), Class Teachers will be sending information to new classes via Class Dojo, and we hope that children and parents will find this useful.

All of these issues and factors will be constantly reviewed, and we intend to reinstate things as and when guidance suggests it is safe to do so.

Finally, I would like to send you, the children and your families my best wishes at this difficult time. I hope you are all well and staying safe, and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr M. Nicholls (Headteacher).

