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Dear Parents and carers,

I am pleased to inform you that our risk assessment for further reopening in September has been signed off by our Governors and the Local Authority.

Are you still working in bubbles?

- Yes, although these are going to be much bigger! As the Government documents state, we have a choice of class or year group bubbles. We have chosen to go for year group bubbles to help our school function more easily. As we have been doing, we will be making sure that these bubbles are not “burst”.

When do the children return and will there still be a staggered start and end?

- All children return to school on Monday 7th September 2020

Large Bubble	Arrival (all days)	Leaving (Mon – Thurs)	Leaving (Fri)**
Y5/6	8.45	3.15	1.30
Y4			
Y3	8.55	3.10	1.15
Y2			
Y1	9.05	3.00	1.00
YR/1			
Aviary	As per your child’s year group		

- **We will continue to close to the majority of children on a Friday afternoon.
- If you are a key worker or not at home, because you are out at work, please complete the attached form and book a space in our childcare on a Friday afternoon.
- Just as we have been working, there will not be a cost for this Friday afternoon childcare.
- All teachers will be having their statutory PPA time during Friday afternoon. The decision to maintain this closure to the majority of children on a Friday, is to prevent more staff than absolutely needed going into the different bubbles during the week and therefore reducing the potential for the spread of Covid-19 should we have a case.
- Friday afternoon childcare finishes at 15:15. If you need your child to go to Pitstop after this, you will need to book in advance – see information regarding Pitstop below.
- At the end of the day, if you have given permission for your child to walk home then they will be allowed to leave when their year group is called. If you are picking up your child, please follow the same route as in the morning and we will bring your child out to you.
- The one-way system is important, as are the social distancing lines, we need to continue to make sure we reduce any possible transmission as much as we can. We understand that it is a longer way to get into school but ask that everyone continues to respect this particularly as it is going to be a lot busier in September.

- Please can you ensure that you arrive on time for drop off/pick up. Your child will not be ready to be picked up until the allotted time above.

How will the children get into the school?

- We will be continuing with the one-way system outside school. The rear gate will remain closed for now and we will be reassessing whether we can safely open it as the term starts.
- Please come in through the vehicular out gate and walk along the front of the school building. The SLT will be there to greet you and take your child in, if needed.
- Children will continue to go in through two different doors – depending on their year group. We will be using the community door and the one next to the current Kestral Classroom.

What will happen when my child goes into the building?

- They will go inside one at a time and then be asked to wash or sanitise their hands. There will be adults on duty around the school to make sure everyone feels secure in what they are doing and where they are going.
- The children will then go to the classrooms using the one-way system in school.
- When they reach their classroom, they will be asked to go into the cloakroom pods in small groups to put their belongings away.

Will you be having assemblies?

- Sort of! We will be using Microsoft Teams so that Miss Owen and I can hold assemblies during the week to reduce the amount of time we spend in each classroom and so protecting each bubble.
- On a Friday, we will meet with each bubble in the big hall for our weekly celebration assembly. Between each bubble, cleaning will occur. There will be 2m distancing during this and no shaking of hands!

What about PE?

- PE can go ahead but we will only be doing outside learning. On your child's PE day, please send them in wearing their school PE kit. If it is cold, please send them in jogging bottoms.

Will Breakfast Club and Pitstop be reopening?

- We have permission from the Government to do this but we are keen to ensure that we maintain our bubbles through this.
- The final details are being planned and I will write to you all about this separately.
- You will need to pre-book a place as numbers will need to be limited for the time being.

Can my child ride their bike or scooter to school?

- Yes – this isn't a problem.
- Please can any bikes and scooters be pushed across the car park for everyone's safety.

How will you be maintaining social distancing and protecting the bubbles at play and lunchtime?

Will my child be able to have a hot meal?

- We are planning on having a full menu option in September. (I think everyone, including our cook, is bored of cheese, tuna or egg sandwiches!)
- We will be staggering the children's play and lunchtimes.
- The zones on the playground and field will continue and the children will know which zone they are able to play in.
- Bubbles will have this time together. So, for example, the whole of Y5/6 make up one bubble and they will have play and lunch at the same time.

- At lunchtime, bubbles will sit together at a table with children sitting diagonally opposite each other.

What will the classroom look like?

- We will post some photographs once we have everything set up.
- Children in Year 2 – 6 will sit in rows with everyone facing the front of the classroom.
 - There will be two children to each table, sitting next to each other.
- Everyone will have their own pencil case and a plastic folder to hold all the other equipment they need.
- We won't put back any soft furnishings yet, like cushions, due to the increased amount of cleaning we have to do.

Will my child get a reading book and homework menus again?

- Yes!
- Reading books can come home now. Once your child has finished with a book, it will go into quarantine. Your child will also be able to bring home a library book too. There will be a selection in each classroom to choose from. Again, once it is finished with it will go into quarantine.
- We will be using Seesaw to send homework menus home. Your child will also receive a home learning book – it is up to you whether they use this book or post things on Seesaw.

What should my child wear to school?

- We expect every child to be in the school's dress code.

Kind regards



Miss Ellie Shaw
Headteacher