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What to expect when we re-open on Monday 7th September

Dear Parents & Carers

September is finally here! We are really looking forward to welcoming everybody back on Monday 7th September.

Much of the information in this letter was sent to you in July. There are some additions, including information on face-masks, so please read the information carefully.

From Monday, school attendance will be compulsory.

The Government has published guidance to help schools plan for re-opening. In line with this guidance, when your child returns to school next week, you can expect the following procedures and safety measures to be in place:

- The children will be taught in their year group classes.
- Mixing between classes will be kept to an absolute minimum. Early years children (Nursery and Reception) will sometimes mix during class activities so that we can effectively deliver the full early years curriculum. Each class will share the dinner hall and playground with one other class/year group.
- Primary aged children are not expected to socially distance. However, we will continue to encourage social distancing as much as possible in all year groups.
- Children and staff (including staff from external agencies) are not expected to wear face-masks/coverings in school. Face-masks/coverings that are worn to school can be removed on entry to the building/classroom and either disposed of, or stored in a plastic bag (preferably sealable) throughout the day.
- Parents, visitors and contractors must wear a face-mask when they enter/leave the school building and when they are moving around the school.
- Staff will stay with their own class wherever possible. Some staff will be required to work with more than one group.



- There will be strict protective measures around washing hands more often (on arrival, beginning of lessons, after breaks, before and after lunch, and every 20-30 minutes throughout the day).
- Touched surfaces will be frequently cleaned during the day. Additional deep cleaning of toilets and frequently used areas will take place during the school day.
- If children from different classes/bubbles need to mix (for example, during some interventions and school clubs) additional safety measures will be in place, including more frequent hand washing, cleaning and - wherever possible - enhanced social distancing. These groups will be kept as consistent as possible.
- Breaks will be staggered, as will the start and end of the day.
- Key resources will be cleaned after use. Some resources will be shared, but wherever possible, children will be provided with their own equipment (pens, pencils, rulers etc.). Children should not bring pencil cases into school or any unnecessary items.
- All areas of the school will be deep cleaned at the end of each day. Frequently used areas, such as toilets, will receive an additional deep clean during the school day.
- Should you or your child develop symptoms of coronavirus, you must stay away from school and get tested as soon as possible.
- If a child or staff member tests positive, the school will contact Public Health England (PHE) immediately. The rest of the class may be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days, subject to PHE advice.

All these procedures will be reviewed on a regular basis.

There will be a focus in the first few days back on addressing emotional well-being, as well as rules and routines. We will cover the topic 'Marvellous Magical Me' over the first two weeks of term, which will focus on relationships and health. There will also be a strong focus on key skills in reading, writing and maths.

Please contact me via the school office if you have further questions.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Guy Walsh
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