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Dear Parents/Carers,

We now have more details about our return to Pre-School in September, which are outlined below. Pre-school will return on Monday 7th September and the children will be doing their usual days.

Uniform

In September we will be returning to the usual pre-school uniform. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.

Equipment

Children must only bring in essential equipment for the day. Please supply a change of clothes, in case of accidents, that can be kept on their peg. They will also need to bring in a named water bottle (containing water not juice) and a healthy snack as we are still uncertain about when milk and fruit deliveries will resume.

Teaching Structure

The Foundation Unit will be laid out in a very similar way to our usual layout and the children will have access to a range of resources that can be easily cleaned such as lego and playmobil. The guidance still advises against the presence of soft toys and cushions etc so these have all been removed. They will have a mixture of self initiated play and adult led sessions as is our usual practise.

The Foundation Unit (Reception and Preschool) will be a self-contained 'bubble' with our own staff and we will not mix with any other bubbles in the school. Children will be encouraged to wash or sanitise their hands at regular intervals.

Lunchtimes

Pre-school children will eat lunch in the unit as usual.

School catering will provide a Deli Bag for those who would like one and there will be a choice of hot or cold options (please see menus attached). There will be no facility for provision of any full hot meals in the first phase of return so all children will need to either choose the deli bag option or bring their own packed lunch. Packed lunches from home need to be brought in a paper or plastic bag that can be thrown away after they have finished their lunch.

If you would like a deli bag please see the attached menus and fill in the table with your choice for the appropriate days and email back to school. Please e-mail back to admin3587@welearn365.com

Entry and Exit

Barford will be keeping staggered starts to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave school. Pre-school will arrive at 9.05 and pick up time will be 3.15. There will be markings on the playground to show you where to queue so that social distancing can be observed.

The entry and exit strategies **MUST** be adhered to, as they have been made to ensure that they complement the procedures in place for Barford School. Parents who have children in more than one class, must follow all school's guidelines.

The guidance states that for everyone's safety parents must not be allowed into the setting so you will need to hand over your child at the door. No parents will be allowed in school at any time so any communication with school needs to be via email or phone calls to the school office. Children must bring with them everything they require for the school day as late items cannot be delivered to classrooms. Government guidance has also stated that only one adult can drop off a child / pick up a child from each family. We will need to insist that this is observed as we do not want to turn people away.

Please avoid congregating at the entrance or exit points to allow for social distancing.

Transport to and from School

Where possible pupils should walk or cycle to school. Where it is not possible for them to walk or cycle, parents are encouraged to use their own cars to transport pupils to school. However, please be advised that we will not be able to store scooters or bikes at school.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including face coverings and face masks

Wearing a face covering or face mask in schools is **not recommended currently**, but staff do have the option if it makes them feel safer. We will try to ensure that classrooms are well ventilated with doors and windows being left open to encourage movement of air when we are working inside, but this will be more difficult in the latter part of the autumn term. We will be doing as much of our learning outside as we usually do.

Shielded and Clinically Vulnerable Children

For the vast majority of children and young people, coronavirus is a mild illness. Children and young people (0 to 18 years of age) who have been classed as clinically extremely vulnerable due to pre-existing medical conditions have been advised to shield. **We do not** expect these children to be attending school, and they should continue to be supported at home as much as possible. Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) people are those considered to be at a higher risk of

severe illness from coronavirus. A small minority of children will fall into this category, and parents should follow medical advice if their child is in this category.

If you have any questions regarding returning to school please send an email to the school office and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

We have tried our best to keep to the government guidelines, whilst taking the highest precaution to keep our staff and your children as safe as we can. We have a full risk assessment in place, which we will be reviewing continually.

The finer details will follow during the last week of the summer holidays.

Have a great summer!

Thank you for your continued support and keep safe.

Madeleine Garner

Early Years Leader