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Dear Parents/Carers

Following the government's recent announcement that schools will be open for all pupils from September 2020, we have been working hard to ensure that our plans follow the latest government guidance in relation to Covid-19, as the safety and well-being of children, staff and community remains of the highest priority.

Dates:

All children will return to school on **Wednesday 9th of September 2020**. All staff will have returned to school on Thursday 3rd of September and will be using four non-pupil days to ensure that the school is safe and ready to welcome back all children.

Attendance:

The government expects all pupils to attend school from **Wednesday 9th September 2020**. If you have holiday plans that involve a quarantine period that may impact on this date, please let us know. If your child is due to start in the EYFS and you would like to discuss this further, please contact the school office.

If your child is not able to attend for any reason, please contact the school office to let them know before 8.45am.

Social distancing:

Visitors to school will be limited to 'essential' and only via appointment through the school office. Staff will remain 2m apart from each other and the children. Where staff are required to be in closer proximity to children, PPE will be utilised. The government recommends that social distancing is not required between Primary aged pupils and that stringent cleaning and hygiene measures are the suggested approach for virus prevention management.

Drop off and pick up:

All parents and carers must remain at a minimum of 2m distance from each other and members of staff. Children will enter and exit the building separately into their respective classrooms following the yellow floor markings on the playground.

What to wear and bring:

In September, we will be returning to the expectation of full school uniform. Details of this can be found on our school website. PE kit will be necessary, in addition to uniform and smart school shoes. As always, please ensure that your child is prepared for weather conditions with a coat, sun hat and sun cream - applied *at home* - as necessary.

School lunches will start as packed lunch only (brought from home). Please ensure your child has a named water bottle.

In the classroom:

Children will be seated in forward facing rows, so that they are not facing each other – this is to reduce the possibility of virus transmission. Each child will have a dedicated seat, which they will use throughout the day. A stationary pack will be provided for each child, which will be for their use only. Wider resources, such as maths equipment, can be shared by the class following deep cleaning.

Breaktimes and lunchtimes:

Due to the very low number of children on roll, at times, the school population will operate as its own microgroup. For example, children from both classes will have breaktimes outside at the same time supervised by a teaching assistant to allow the teacher to have a comfort break. The transmission of the virus is believed to be reduced in an outdoor environment. Children will be allowed to play together, but will be asked to choose games that minimise close personal contact. Any equipment used will be cleaned at the end of the playtime. The climbing frame will not be used as this cannot be easily cleaned.

Lunch will be eaten in classrooms with lunch break following the same format as morning breaktime.

Illness and First Aid:

If a child becomes ill (non-virus symptoms) normal procedures will apply. Staff will make a judgement about their fitness to be in school and contact parents/carers as appropriate. When caring for someone who is ill or administering first aid, staff will wear PPE such as a face mask, gloves and an apron.

If a child, or adult, displays virus symptoms (as described by current guidance) they will be isolated in a quarantine room. Parents/carers will be contacted immediately to collect their child and will be required to have them tested for Covid-19. If a case of Covid-19 is confirmed, we will follow the advice provided by Public Health England.

Cleaning and health and safety:

We have considered all aspects of the health and safety of our children very closely. All staff will be very aware of the procedures in place whilst parents and children will be informed as needed. All classrooms will have a deep clean daily and periodically cleaned throughout the day as need arises to ensure we minimise any potential virus spread.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards



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