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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. We have welcomed back children in Reception this week and have continued to provide support for the children of our Key Workers. We have put in to place the measures that I outlined to you in my previous letter. As I am sure you appreciate, we have needed to continually reinforce the need for social distancing with the children. In the letter I also stated that we would evaluate how things went this week before we looked to bring Year 1 children back to school.

I can confirm that as long as there are no health and safety concerns between now and next Wednesday, **Year 1 pupils** whose parents have previously stated that they would like their child to return to school, will start back on **Wednesday, 10th June**.

There will be 1 table and 1 chair per child, and they will remain in their places in order to reduce any risk of contact and maintain social distancing. The children and staff will be in their 'Bubble'. This will mean that they do not mix with anyone else during the school day.

The timings for their school day will be from 9.15am until 1.30pm.

Pick Ups and Drop offs;

Year 1 children are to come to the community entrance. Please ensure that you always maintain social distancing. We are asking that you and your child do not come within 2 metres of anyone else. As you may be aware, there are bricks set within the concreted floor area in front of the community entrance that form 'squares'. Please can you stand with your child in one of those squares as this will help to maintain the social distancing.

When the doors open, children will be asked to come in one at a time and stand on a spot marked on the floor. From there, they will be asked to wash their hands, doing so one at a time, before moving in to their class room. Children will take their coats and lunch boxes with them as the cloakroom area will not be used. Please also bring your own water bottle and a daily healthy snack.

We ask that you do not send any other items in to school with your child.

We would ask that you leave the school site as soon as your child has entered the building. The 'pinch point' is at the end of the path with the railings. Please can you endeavour to leave sufficient time for others to move through this point before going through yourself.

When you collect your child, we would like you to again stand in the 'squares' in order to maintain social distancing. The adults will send the children out to you one at a time. As soon as your child is with you please leave the school site.

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Play times and lunchtimes; These will be staggered to enable children to maintain social distancing and stay in their 'Bubble'.

Catering; For meals we are only going to allow for packed lunches for the time being. Infant meals remain free. You are able to bring in your own packed lunch if you would prefer. Please ensure that you put an 'ice pack' in to their lunch bag in order to keep their food cool, as we will not be storing food in the fridge during this period. Children will eat their lunches in their classroom at their desk.

Curriculum; We will continue to provide the curriculum online. Children in school will complete this learning and have support where possible. We are aware that children will have their own anxieties and the vastly different environment and practices will be discussed in order for the children to understand that it is being done to keep everyone as safe as possible, and it is not that they have done anything wrong.

Uniform and items from home; Children can attend wearing their own clothes. We ask that they are suitable for both indoors and outside. Please ensure your child has a sun hat and sun cream has been applied for times when they will be outside. The government guidance states that you should be washing your clothes each night to ensure that any germs are not carried.

School office; due to the nature of the school entrance we ask that parents try not to go to the office. If at all possible, contact the school via email or phone. If you feel that you have to see Mrs Porteous or Ms Blakemore in person, do not go in to the entrance if someone else is already there.

We will continue to advise you all as to when other year groups may return to school, what that would look like for them, and on how it may impact on the provision that we are able to provide those year groups that are currently in school.

Thanking you all again for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D Wood".

David Wood
Headteacher