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Dear Parents and Carers

As you know, we have welcomed back more pupils over the past few weeks and we are writing to you today to inform you of our plans to invite all pupils back prior to the end of term. We must stress, that this will not be 'normal' school but an opportunity for pupils to come back and familiarise themselves with the building and the new practices in place. We very much hope that this will ease their return in September after such a long break.

As we have set out previously, we must follow government guidelines. Due to staffing commitments in the bubbles that have already been established, and amongst other factors, safe access to toilets, we can confirm that as long as there are no health and safety concerns between now and the dates given below, those parents who stated that they would like their child to return to school will have the following sessions.

Years 2 and 3 (Bubble 1) with Mr Dodson Wed 1st, Thu 2nd, Fri 3rd 9.10am - 3.15pm

Years 2 and 3 (Bubble2) with Mr Dodson Wed 8th, Thu 9th, Fri 10th 9.10am - 3.15pm

(You will receive a separate communication via the Teachers to Parents service later this afternoon advising you which of the above bubbles your child is in.)

Years 4, 5 and 6 with Mrs Lafford Wed 15th, Thu 16th, Fri 17th 9.10am - 3.15pm

Those children who are currently in the Key Worker bubble, or are about to start in the coming week, will remain in this bubble due to current government guidance. If you wish for your child to join one of the new bubbles, they will need to be away from school for 7 days prior, and then again for 7 days after, before re-joining the Key Worker bubble. Please contact your class teacher if you wish to discuss this further.

Pick Ups and Drop offs: All 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. Please ensure that your child stays with you and does not run around with other children prior to entering school.

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/sanitise their hands, doing so one at a time, before moving into their classroom. 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.

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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.

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

Catering: For meals the school kitchen will provide packed lunches only. If your child is in Year 2 their meals remain free. Children can bring a packed lunch from home if you would prefer. Please ensure that you put an 'ice pack' into 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 via Class Dojo. 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 because 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 removed.

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

Government guidance states that wherever possible staff should remain with one bubble. However, to enable the school to be able to offer these additional sessions, staff will have worked with other 'bubbles' of children and I ask you to consider this before deciding whether or not you feel it is appropriate for your child to return for these days. Please advise your child's teacher if you no longer wish for your child to return as a result.

Whilst we hope that this does not happen, but, in the event of staff illness/need for self – isolation, planned sessions may unfortunately need to be cancelled. If this occurs, we will send out a text message early that morning to inform you.

Again, many thanks for your support and understanding.

Kind regards



David Wood
Headteacher