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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

School will now open on **Wednesday June 3rd for Reception, Year 1, Year 6 & key worker/vulnerable children**. This is because planned works at school will not be completed by June 1st (the original date set). Safety is obviously the key to this decision.

School will feel and look very different. We have plans to support children as they return to school to make sure that they feel welcome, safe and secure. It would be really helpful if you could prepare your child for the transition by talking to them about any worries they have and what to expect.

We have carefully followed government guidance to put every reasonable measure in place to keep children, staff and families as safe as we can. It is very difficult to operate 'social distancing' in a primary school so these are the measures we are putting in place, all of which are in the Government guidance.

Stay Alert

- Please do not come to school if your child or a member of your household is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus
- Children have been placed into groups called 'bubbles'. This is to minimise the number of people coming into contact with each other
- If anyone from your child's bubble displays signs of Covid19, the entire bubble, including adults, will be sent home to self-isolate for 14 days or until a negative (that is Covid19 not detected) test result comes back. If the test comes back negative, children and staff must stay at home for 7 days. If it is your child who is displaying any of the symptoms (continuous cough, fever or high temperature, loss of sense of taste and/or smell), the whole household should self-isolate for 14 days as per the Government guidance.

Coming to school

- **We are asking that only one adult** accompanies/collects their child from school.
- Year 6 children may continue to walk to and from school by themselves.
- **Be on time** and keep to your allocated drop off and collection times. We will not be able to admit your child if they are late. Once the gates are locked, there is no access to the school.
- Make medical appointments outside of school hours. Children are to remain in their 'bubble' throughout the school day.
- When dropping off and collecting your child, please ensure you are respecting others and maintaining social distancing guidance. Parents will not be allowed beyond the drop off points (at the various gates).
- We cannot allow visitors on site at this time. If you have a query, please phone or email the school office.
- **The start and finish times of the school day have been staggered. Please use the gate associated with the classroom being used by your child's bubble (details to follow).**
- If your child wishes to cycle or scoot to school, please make sure that you ensure social distancing around the cycle shed.

Keeping clean and safe

- **Children should wear a set of clean clothes daily;** uniform is preferable but we understand this might not always be possible. Children must wear trainers/suitable shoes as they will be outside at various points.
- Everyone must clean their hands upon arrival at school, before eating and before they leave.
- If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or they are entitled to free school meals, a packed lunch will be provided. Everyone else, please send a packed lunch and drink in with your child. Lunches will be eaten in the classrooms or outside, weather permitting.
- Make sure we have any changes of contact details.
- Telephone or email school regarding any queries. **Parents are not allowed into the school building. The front office door will be locked.**
- The only belongings brought to school from home should be a coat and/or packed lunch as required. A hat/suncream as appropriate for the weather.
- PE / physical activity will take place outside whenever the weather allows, so children are asked to wear trainers instead of school shoes if they have them – no PE kit will need to be brought to school.
- School staff will clean surfaces and equipment throughout the day as necessary. Children will be provided with their own equipment wherever this is possible to reduce the need to share resources. The whole school will be thoroughly cleaned every day in line with national guidance.

In school

- Children will be in a bubble of up to 12 children.
- Furniture has been arranged to support social distancing.
- There will be no whole school assemblies. Each bubble group will have assemblies in their own classrooms.
- Windows and doors will remain open in the classrooms to maintain air flow (so please bring your jumper or cardigan).
- Not all children will be with their class teacher but we will try our best to do this.
- Children will be seated at desks 2m apart.
- Lunch will be in 'bubble' classrooms.
- We will be encouraging social distancing for all.
- Children will have their own stationary pack.
- Children will be doing planned work in class so should not complete work on Class Dojo (unless they want to).
- We will be outside as much as possible and all bubbles will have a designated area.

Attendance

We know that some of you may not want to send your child to school at this time and would like to assure you that this is completely fine and we will support you with your choices. **You** must make the decision **you** feel is right for your child and family.

You will not be fined or penalised for non-attendance.

From 1st June, if you have told us that your child will be attending school and they are unable to do so, please contact school via telephone.

Emotional well-being

As you would expect, we will be focussing on the well-being of children. We ask that you tell us if you feel your child has any worries or anxieties so we can support. Also, please inform school if there are any Covid19 related illnesses or other, that we should be aware of by contacting Mrs Douthwaite or Mrs Jatwa. Finally, please be patient with us and each other. As always, we will do everything we can to support you and your children. This new way of working may take some getting used to; we want to keep everyone safe. If you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Take care and thank you for your support during this time.

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