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Dear parents/carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely summer. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school this Thursday (2nd September) for the start of the school year 2021-2022.

As things stand, we are able to operate in our plan A school. This means reverting to how things were in school before Covid with a few changes stated in the previous letter (16th July). Below is a reminder of these changes as well as some updates in light of the lifting of restrictions from 19th July.

Start and End to the School day

Doors will open at **8:45am** for all children with us reverting back to using the one entrance into school through the pedestrian green gate. The day will start with a morning task and the children need to be in their classroom for **9am** when the register will be taken. Parents are to take children to their child's building where an adult will welcome them into school. Any messages to be passed on to the class teacher or the office are to be relayed to the adult at the entrance to the building. If a parent needs to speak to a member of staff in the office or a teacher, then we ask that you phone the school office or email either school or the child's teacher as was the case last school year. Teachers are not available to speak to during teaching hours but will get back to you at their earliest opportunity.

The school day will finish at **3:15pm** for all children where the children will be brought out to handover at the entrance to their building. If a parent does want to speak to the class teacher, then they will be available to speak to once all the children have been handed over.



Y5/6 Children arriving and going home without an adult

If parents of older children in school give permission for them to walk to and from school by themselves, they will be required to fill in a consent form which will be sent to you via text message. Please either email this form back to school or ask your child to bring the form to the office on Thursday.

Collecting children from school

If you have asked another adult to collect your child from school other than the primary contacts, then you must inform school of this **by lunchtime** of that day. This will help us ensure the safety of your child. It has often been the case that some parents have called school right up until the end of the school day to inform us that another adult will collect their child that day. This does not give us enough notice and puts extra pressure on the office and teaching staff at a busy time of day. If an emergency comes up – as we know they can do – then of course this will be supported but in normal circumstances school needs to know by lunchtime. **Please note we will not allow a child to leave school with another adult unless we have been informed.**

Bubbles

Following updated guidance since the relaxing of restrictions, the children will no longer be operating in class bubbles. This means that children will be able to play with children from other classes at break and lunchtimes if they choose to and we will be able to bring back school assemblies, Y6/FS2 buddies and other routines in school where children mix together. This is great news and I know the children will enjoy being able to mix again – as will the staff! – and have some normality to school life back.

Covid

As was the case previously, if a child develops Covid symptoms, they should not come into school nor if they have a positive Covid result. However, we no longer need to close a bubble if a child or member of staff develops Covid. We will continue in school to ensure good hygiene, maintain appropriate cleaning regimes as well as keeping occupied spaces well ventilated. Our updated Covid risk assessment will be on the school website later today. We also have – following DfE guidance - an outbreak contingency plan should we have a large number of cases in school.

Staff will be encouraged to continue to carry out twice weekly lateral flow tests until the end of September when this policy will be reviewed.



As the government have now removed the mandatory wearing of face masks, it will now be parental preference as to whether a face covering is worn on school site. However, parents may still be asked to wear a face covering when attending face to face meetings indoors particularly when transmission in the local community is high.

PE kits

As stated previously, children will still be asked to come to school in PE kits on their PE days. You will be informed of when these are before Thursday via text message. A reminder that PE kits are a **white T-shirt and blue/black shorts or blue/black tracksuit/jogging bottoms/leggings. No fashion leggings please.**

School Meals

A reminder to order school lunches through the school grid website as normal.

Bags and Water bottles

Children are now allowed to bring a bag to school again if they need to. Please can you make sure though that this is only a small bag to suit what they need to bring so it fits in their space on their peg. Please also ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school every day.

We will be sending out a **'Save the Dates'** letter as we have done previously. For parents of younger children who are not familiar with this, this maps out the school events for the school year so you can put them in your diaries. We are planning our usual pre-Covid yearly schedule and fingers crossed we are able to go ahead with our planned events!

We are all very much looking forward to this school year and being able to have a full and settled year in school. We are looking forward to seeing all the children back and raring to go on Thursday!

Many thanks and best wishes

Ruth Sampson
Headteacher





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