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Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you have all had an enjoyable break.

We are really looking forward to welcoming all of the children back to school on Monday. It has been such a long time since some of the children have been in school and we can't wait to see them again.

I know that some parents may still be feeling anxious. I would like to reassure you that we have implemented all of the government guidelines in order to minimise the likelihood of anyone contracting the virus. The Trust risk assessment is also available to read via our website.

I know that the children will also be experiencing a variety of emotions and this is perfectly normal. However it is important that the children return to school, to support their learning and also to enable them to socially interact with their peers and the staff which is important for their wellbeing. We will be offering pastoral support to all children, through PHSE lessons and additional support to any child where a need is identified.

Things will be different and I ask that you explain this to your child so that they are prepared when they return on Monday. Class teachers will also go over the new expectations with the children on the first day with particular regard to handwashing and good hygiene.

We are operating a staggered start and finish time to minimise unnecessary close contact between the children and also between the parents. Please refer to the previous letter that was sent out and which is available on the website which details the time and entry point for each class. Please note that Nursery finishes at 4pm, not 4.30 pm as stated in this letter. It is important that your child arrives at the allocated time and is collected at the allocated time to avoid congestion and that you follow the entry and exit system that is in operation.

Children should be dropped off at the gate in the morning, where they will be met by a senior leader and their teacher. Parents are not currently able to enter the building so do speak to the senior leader on the gate if you have any concerns or messages to pass on. One parent or carer will be able to come on site in the afternoon to collect the children, but please adhere to social distancing guidelines.

If your child requires medication we ask that you take this to the front entrance, ring the bell and a member of the office team will come and collect it from you.



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If you would like your Yr 6 child to bring a mobile phone to school you are required to write a letter to the school office. The phones will be collected at the beginning of the day and handed out at the end of the day and the children must not use them in the playground. A clear, sealable bag will need to be provided to store the phone in.

May I politely request that you try to ensure your child comes to school with everything they need, as last term the office staff spent quite a lot of time going to the main door to collect items that children had forgotten to bring which is time consuming and disruptive to the running of the office.

We understand that the children will not be able to follow the social distancing guidelines expected of adults. To mitigate against this, children will be in a class or year group 'bubble'. The bubbles will remain separate as much as possible and will remain in their classrooms as much as possible. Each bubble will have a separate break time and lunch time. We are unable to provide a hot lunch for the children at this time as the children will be eating in their classrooms. The kitchen will instead be providing a school packed lunch or you may choose to provide a home packed lunch for your child. If your child is in KS2 and you opt for a school packed lunch the cost for this half term is £78.75, payable on schoolgateway, unless you are entitled to free school meals. There is no charge for children in Reception or KS1. Children will be asked on the first day, as part of the register whether they are school packed lunch or home packed lunch, so please talk to your child about this. We will review whether we will be able to return to hot lunches at half term, in line with current guidance.

Children will be required to wash their hands on entry to school, before and after lunch, after break, PE and music sessions and at any other times that equipment has been shared. Children will also be asked to come into school in their PE kit on PE days. Please see table below to confirm the PE day for your child's class.

Year Group	PE days
Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Monday Tuesday
Year 2	Wednesday Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday Thursday
Year 4	Monday Thursday – Dolphins Friday – Wolves
Year 5	Monday Tuesday
Year 6	Tuesday Thursday
Language Provision	Wednesday Friday

Please note that on the first week back, Year 2 will have PE on Wednesday only and Year 4 will have PE on Thursday only.

The classrooms will be arranged differently and staff will be required to maintain a distance of at least one metre from the children. Some staff may also be wearing a visor.

A number of parents have asked about After School Club and Breakfast club. As I explained in my previous letter they will be resuming on September 14th. Enrolment forms are available on the website.



Some additional extra-curricular activities are planning to restart. Please apply for these directly. Please also be aware of the government guidance that parents should limit the number of different out of school providers as far as possible.

If your child has have any symptoms of COVID you must keep him/her at home and inform the school. If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature or has a loss of taste or smell we will contact the parent and ask them to collect their child. You will then be required to self-isolate and should arrange to have a test. If there is a confirmed case of COVID in school, parents will be informed and we will follow the advice from Public Health England.

Children should not be going on holiday during term time, however if a holiday has been arranged you must follow government guidance regarding countries that require a period of quarantining.

I thank you for your patience and understanding at this time. This is new territory for all of us and things may need to adapt or change as we go on.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 7th

Kind regards

Kath Margetts