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September Re-opening 2020

Friday, 10th July, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you with information about September 2020 opening of Schools, following guidance issued recently by the Government. Firstly, we intend to carry out a Recovery Program to ensure that all children will come back to some form of familiarity. We feel it is therefore vital that we welcome the children back to the year group, class and teacher that they left in March when the schools closed. As you know we have many considerations to take into account with our recovery plans for September. Our priority is to ensure EVERY child has a smooth period of transition back into school and that the children receive some recovery time with their old classes, teachers and year groups.

The plans for reintegration are as follows:

Week Beginning:	Plans:
Monday 7 th September	All school aged children from the academic year of 2019-2020 will return to their old teachers and classrooms for the whole week.
Monday 14 th September	All school aged children from the academic year of 2019-2020 will continue to return to their old teachers and old classrooms. However, they will have 'Move Up Mornings' on Wednesday 16 th and Thursday 17 th September to spend time to get to know their new teachers and class friends.
Monday 21 st September	All school aged children from last academic year will come into school, straight into their new year group and classroom beginning the new academic year of 2020-2021.
Monday 28 th September	Our new Reception cohorts are invited to attend their first taster sessions on Tuesday 29 th September and Thursday 1 st October. These will be from 9:30 – 11:30am.
Monday 5 th October	Our new Reception cohorts are invited to attend their next taster sessions on Tuesday 6 th and Thursday 8 th October. These will be from 9:30 – 11:30am.

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Monday 12 th October	Our new Reception cohorts begin mornings only, five days a week. 9:00am – 11:45am
Monday 19 th October	Our new Reception cohorts will continue with mornings only, five days a week. 9:00am – 11:45am
Monday 26 th October	HALF TERM
Monday 2 nd November	Our new Reception cohorts continue with mornings only, five days a week, but including lunch! 9:00am – 1:00pm
Monday 9 th November	Our new Reception children will begin full time education if the parent and teacher are in agreement.

Bubbles

We will be arranging classes in 'bubbles'. These are contained groups of children within their classes. We will endeavour to prevent these bubbles from mixing with other class Bubbles as much as possible. Clearly, the less mixing of children across age groups, the less likely it is that any infection is spread. Therefore, we will have staggered drop off and pick up times to also help reduce the numbers of people congregating on or near the school premises.

PLEASE BE PROMPT!

Acorns classes will need to **arrive** at 8:50am
 Years 3 and 4 will need to **arrive** at 9:00am
 Years 5 and 6 will need to **arrive** at 9:10am

Where a child has siblings, please arrive at the earlier time and we can accommodate the siblings in class until the other children arrive. We will then have staggered play and lunch times and where these cross over we will keep the class groups separated in different play areas as much as possible.

Acorns classes will need to be **collected** at 2:50
 Years 3 and 4 will need to be **collected** at 3:00
 Years 5 and 6 will need to be **collected** at 3:10

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Safety and cleanliness

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important ways of preventing the spread of Covid-19. Children and adults will be expected to wash their hands on entry to school in the morning and at other regular points during the day – break times and lunchtimes for example and then a final hand wash before home time. Adults will have access to cleaning materials throughout the school day to ensure surfaces and equipment are kept as clean as possible. The cleaning procedures undertaken by all staff at present will continue in September. We have Covid-19 focused risk assessments in place, you can find these on the website. These will be updated and shared with parents/carers and staff when appropriate.

Break times, lunchtime and lunches

Break and lunch times will be staggered. Again, this is to reduce mixing of pupils across bubbles and to avoid cross-contamination. Children may be asked to eat in their classrooms. We are unable to provide hot meals at this present time but children entitled to universal or FSM will have a packed lunch delivered to them at school. Vouchers for those in receipt of free school meals will be available over the Summer break. Instructions detailing how these can be accessed have been sent out.

Parent consultation events and assemblies

We have taken the decision to hold parent evenings virtually this term. We are unable to congregate for assemblies, however, classes will still have their own. We will review this decision in December for January 2021.

School Trips

We will not be partaking in any trips of any form outside of school. Again, we will review this at Christmas in preparation for the New Year.

Behaviour Management

Those children that have returned to us in the Summer Term have been extremely well behaved, despite the challenges faced. Given the constraints we are now working within, there have been some alterations to our behaviour policy. The adjustments are available on the website in the policies section for you to see. Could I ask all parents to speak with their children about the need now, more than ever, to follow instructions and avoid silliness. We know the vast majority of children behave well all of the time, but we will need to be strict with those that put the health and safety of others at risk by refusing to follow instructions or behaving in an inappropriate manner.

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Attendance

Children will be expected in school as normal from September. The Government has been clear in its guidance and has asked us as school leaders to enforce attendance of children in the manner we would normally. However, we are open to considering individual circumstances if there were any major concerns.

Visitors

The Government has said it is acceptable to have visitors on school premises if they are professionals supporting children in their well-being or education. For example, social workers, educational psychologists, school nurses etc. However, we need to reduce the number of non-essential visitors. Therefore, can we please ask that all parents/carers DO NOT come through the gates or drop into the office. Please ring or email with any queries or issues you might have.

Many thanks for all the hard work you have been doing with your children at home, it truly is appreciated. We are all very much looking forward to getting back to some sort of normality, structure and routine for the children and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 7th September and our new Reception children and families on Tuesday 29th September. If you are concerned about how your child has responded to lockdown we are here to help and do have access to services and expertise that can provide support.

We are setting a Doodle Maths and Doodle English challenges for the Summer holidays. Please encourage your child to join in with this as it has been scientifically proven that these Doodle challenges help children to catch up. There will be rewards!

As always, if you need to clarify or discuss these plans in more detail, please feel free to contact us if you need any further information.

Best wishes for a positive summer break!

Yours sincerely,

Bill Moore and Mel Vincent
Acting Heads of Schools
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