

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents,

We are really looking forward to welcoming all children back on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September as well as welcoming our new starters in Reception. We know for the children who have been out of school since March that this will feel like a big step. Please be reassured that although there are some minor tweaks around how we enter and leave school and a significantly increased emphasis on hand hygiene, that school will still feel very normal and that they will be able to get back to enjoying all their usual learning activities and spending time with their friends.

The main protective measure in school apart from good hygiene is that children will be staying in small, consistent class sized bubbles. We know that siblings will be mixing outside school but in school, each group will be separate as much as possible. Regular hand washing and use of sanitiser will be encouraged.

According to both Government and DCC Risk Assessments, we have to look at putting the children into 'bubbles' which we must try hard not to cross contaminate. In light of this we will be starting on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September with the children going into their 'new' classes instead of having a changeover period of a week. The pros of a staggered transition now outweigh the cons, unfortunately.

The classes and staffing will be as follows:

- Class 1 – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be a bubble of 20 children, with Mrs Slack/Mrs Scott, Miss Adlington and Mrs Mitchell.
- Class 2 – Year 3 and Year 4 will be a bubble of 16 children, with Miss Moore and Mrs Bacon.
- Class 3 – Year 5 and Year 6 will be a bubble of 25 children, with Mr Petts and Mrs Costello.
- Mrs Bacon will continue to cover interventions in the mornings, then PPA cover in the afternoons including Forest School.

The bubbles will all have breaktime at the same time, but the grounds will be split into 3 zones. This means that whilst the bubbles cannot mix, they can still shout to each other and see each other. Again, the staffing will stay consistent with the class bubbles. If it is wet, the children will have breaktime in their classrooms.

Lunch will remain as a hot take-out menu and the children can then eat in their outside zones or at the desks in their classrooms. Again, the children will have set lunchtime supervisors who will stay with their bubble all the time and stay within their classroom if the weather is inclement.

Instead of having staggered drop off times, we have marked the playground out so that all the children have a spot to stand on. School times will therefore revert back to 8.55 until 3.15pm. Unfortunately, parents are still not allowed onto the grounds. **Please can I take this opportunity to ask that parents try not to congregate in the pub carpark as we had a few near misses with the children running around before the end of term.** It would be dreadful if a child got knocked over for the sake of moving down to the pavilion etc.

The gates will be open from 8.45am and Class 1 will be encouraged to go straight inside as soon as they arrive to start handwashing. Class 2 and 3 will stay on their spots until school starts at 8.55am. Obviously, if it is wet, then the children will go straight into their respective classes as soon as they arrive.

At the end of the day, the children will all be on the yard and will be handed to parents when they arrive at the school gates. Please can I ask that when parents are waiting they try to abide with social distancing measures as set out by the government.

The children will go back to wearing school uniform every day but they are welcome to come in trainers. **NO** PE kits are to be bought into school. On the days that the child will be doing PE they will

be asked to come into school in their kits and remain in them for the day. Information will be sent out detailing the days that each class are doing PE.

Children are **only** to bring into school a water bottle, coat, wellies (to remain in school) and a fruit snack if required. **NO** bags will be allowed.

Breakfast Club will commence on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. The club is available every morning from 8.15am at a charge of £3.00 per session.

After School Provision will commence on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September and will run Monday – Thursday until 4.30pm at a charge of £3.00 per session. Late collection will result in a charge. After-school children will have to remain in their own classrooms with their classteacher or play outside in their zone for that day. Again, they will be waiting on the playground for pick up at 4.30pm. If you would like to pick up early, then please come to the front door. Unfortunately, due to current circumstances we are unable to provide any food for the time being.

If you would like to book any breakfast club or after school provision please email Beccy.

Please see attached a reopening form that needs to be completed for all children/families. Please could your child bring the completed form with them on Friday.

Thank you once more for your continued patience with us as we try to juggle what is now our new 'normal'.