



Tuesday 21st July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Before the start of the summer holidays, I wanted to give you an update on our plans for when all students return to school in September 2020.

The key dates to note are:

- School will reopen on **Tuesday 8th September 2020**.
- Children in nursery and reception will have a staggered start from **Tuesday 8th September 2020 to Friday 11th September 2020**. If your child is in these year groups, you will be emailed a start date for your child separately.

These dates may differ from other schools in the area. We have made our plans to ensure we have time to implement any new guidance that is issued during the summer holiday and to complete any extra staff training that might be needed.

We are following the Government guidance and are putting in place a great deal of detailed work to ensure we implement all the measures needed to make school as safe as it can be for our pupils and staff when they all return.

Following are some of our draft plans for September, these are subject to change as new guidelines may emerge over the summer.

Bubbles

Classes will continue to operate as 'bubbles' but numbers in each bubble will increase from 15 to 30 children. Adults in the school will be limited to working across two bubbles to reduce contacts. The mixing of bubbles will be restricted as much as possible. Within the bubbles, children and adults will not socially distance but they will be encouraged to minimise contact, e.g. not touching each other, limiting shared equipment, desks facing forward etc.

Curriculum

All pupils will continue to be taught the full range of subjects, we will ensure that extra teaching is provided in reading, writing, and maths where needed and we will do everything we can to support pupils who may need help to catch up. We plan to continue daily PE lessons and PSHE lessons that we implemented when school reopened in order to support pupils' physical and mental health. Contact sports will not be permitted.

Hygiene and cleaning

Hand sanitiser will be available throughout the school and we will make sure that children wash their hands often. Additional hand washing facilities have been installed around the building. The school will have enhanced cleaning arrangements including a day janitor. Frequently touched surfaces, items and toilets will be subject to a strict cleaning rota.

Arriving and leaving school

The time children arrive and leave school will be extended to allow parents and pupils to socially distance. We are currently planning for an 8.30-9am drop off. We are



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hoping to run a breakfast club from 8.30 to 8.45 each day in class bubbles. We will not be running after school clubs or extended school provision in the first half of the autumn term and hope to look at starting this again later in the year. Pick up is currently planned from 3.30-3.45 – but this is subject to change.

Travelling to and from school

Pupils should walk or cycle to and from school wherever possible. If using public transport, they must follow current government guidance, such as wearing face coverings - these should be removed when they arrive at school.

Lunch times

Lunch breaks will be organised to prevent children mixing with others from outside their bubble and will be staggered. We are hoping to resume hot lunch service and some older pupils may need to eat lunch in their classrooms.

School trips

There will be no trips or educational visits throughout the autumn term.

Uniform

Pupils are expected to wear a clean uniform every day. On Tuesdays and Thursdays all pupils will wear PE kit and on these days their daily PE lessons will be held outside (where possible). We expect all pupils to wear their full school uniform, including school shoes, ties and blazers for Year 5 and 6 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. From September, children will be able to bring in bags and coats and these will be kept in class bubbles.

Stopping the spread of the virus

We will all still have a role to play to stop the spread of infection and we must all continue to follow the NHS guidance. If any student has symptoms of Coronavirus, however mild, **they must not come to school**. All the information about what to do if you have symptoms is available the Government website here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

We are looking forward to having all students back from September. Our number one priority will be to make sure children are well supported and enjoy returning to school. Please do let us know if you think your child might need some extra support when returning to school.

I would like to extend my appreciation for your patience, understanding and support during this time. The specific details for September, along with videos to explain the routines will be shared in the weeks leading up to school opening. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy the summer with your family.

With best wishes

Karinne Faddy
Head of School

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