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Information for children returning to school in September

Dear Parents and Carers,

In line with the Department for Education's instruction, it is our plan that our pupils will return to school full-time in September.

There is a detailed risk assessment explaining our safety measures on the school website that is based on the Governments advice for essential safety measures, which include:

1. a requirement that people who are ill stay at home
2. robust hand and respiratory hygiene
3. enhanced cleaning arrangements
4. active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
5. formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable

Please do have a read of the risk assessment. I will send out a letter in September reminding parents of some of the key pieces of information from it that you need to know, however there are a couple of things below that you need to know prior to September.

September start

Our plan below is trying to balance the desire to get everyone in to school as soon as possible alongside knowing that we have a lot of young children who haven't been in school for a long time. Our teddy bear drop was part of our transition plan, but having done it we changed our original plan as we realized we have a number of children who are worried about starting in a new classroom with a new teacher and feel they haven't been able to say goodbye to their previous teacher.

Wednesday 2nd September INSET Day

Y2

- Thursday - ½ class come to school Thursday 3rd September
- Friday - (other) ½ class come to school Friday 4th September.
- Monday 7th September – All Y2 in school.

The majority of Year 2s have not been in school since lockdown, but will be returning to the same classroom and same class teacher. Having just half the class in at a time will allow the teachers to introduce all preventative measures with a smaller group and to give more support to those pupils who are anxious about returning to school. Mrs Watson and Mrs Towle will shortly message parents on Class Dojo to let you know which day your child should come in.

Y1

- Thursday – All new Y1 to return to their Reception class with their Reception teacher on Thursday. During the day their new Y1 teacher and TA will visit the class and take groups of children to visit their new classroom. Children to be collected from Reception class
- Friday – All new Y1 to be dropped off at Reception class – during the morning Y1 teacher will take children in groups with their belongings to their new class. Children to be collected from their new Y1 class.
- Monday 7th September – All Y1 in school dropped off at their Y1 class.

Half the Reception children were back in school at the end of the Summer term and know the preventative measures expected within school. These children have not however had any transition in person and so this will support these children in saying goodbye to their previous teachers and moving on to Y1.

Reception

- Thursday and Friday - Reception teachers are with their previous classes
- Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th September - 1 hour stay and play sessions for children and one of their parents to get to know their new classroom and the teaching staff.
To allow social distancing between adults we will have a maximum of 4 adults and 4 children at a time: 9:10 – 10:10, 10:30 – 11:30, 12:30 – 1:30, 1:50 – 2:50
- Wednesday 9th September – All Reception children in 9:10 – 2:50

Miss Cooper and Miss Rice will shortly message parents on Class Dojo to arrange the stay and play slots. We feel these sessions are an important part of the settling in process, particularly as we have 24 children starting in Reception who did not attend our Nursery.

Nursery

- Thursday and Friday – Nursery staff completing 2 day Paediatric first aid
- Monday 7th September - Children who were in our Nursery prior to lockdown and will continue to be to return
- Wednesday 9th September – Friday 11th - Those pupils who should have started in our Nursery in April, as well as September starters with April birthdays and September starters who are 30 hours to come to a stay and play session 9:20 – 10:20, 10:30 – 11:30, 1:30 – 2:30 maximum 3 adults with 3 children
- Monday 14th – during the week these new starters will then start in Nursery
- Week beginning 5th October Nursery visits for those pupils who should have started in September and have birthdays between May and August.

Mrs Tabraham-Ford (Nursery teacher) will contact parents about September stay and play sessions and to organize start days and times for the week beginning 14th September.

We will contact those parents with children who will have visits in October once we are back at school.

Social distancing and dropping off and picking up from school

1. The children and staff will be in year group bubbles (the reason for this is explained in the risk assessment).
2. These bubbles will have different start and end times, break times and lunch times.
3. There will be a one-way system around school going in through the Nursery gates and exiting through the gate on the main playground, once you have dropped your child at their classroom door. We request that only one parent comes onto the school premises and that children are at school and collected at their designated time, ensuring no cross over with another group.

Timings:

Nursery: 8.40am – 11.40am (8:15 additional option for 30 hours)

Nursery pm: 12.10 pm – 3.10pm (2:40 or 3:40 additional options for 30 hours)

Reception: 9:10am – 2.50pm (these hours to be reviewed at half term)

Year 1: 9.00am – 3:00pm

Year :2 8:50am - 3:05pm

We can't wait to see all the children back in school and to welcome the new starters. If you have any questions, please do call or email school.

Yours sincerely
C Beattie
Headteacher