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4th September 2020

Dear parents/carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming your child back to school on Monday 7th September.

As you are likely aware, the government has announced that schools should fully reopen from the start of the upcoming autumn term. They have decided this based on:

- The prevalence of coronavirus decreasing
- The new NHS test and trace system being in place
- More clarity about the measures that need to be in place to create safe environments in schools
- Time out of school being detrimental to children's development
- The low risk to children of becoming severely ill from coronavirus

This means we are planning to open to all of our pupils in September. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back on 7th September 2020, and we are working hard to make the school a safe, enjoyable environment.

We wanted to get in touch to explain what you can expect from us and what we will expect from all of our parents and carers.

Attendance

Attendance will be mandatory in September, as the government expects all pupils to attend school. The usual rules will apply, meaning we will be recording attendance and following up on any absences.

If your children have been staying at home due to the current shielding guidance, the government is due to pause this guidance on 1 August if there is a continued decline in coronavirus transmission rates. That means they should be able to come back to school in September.

However, if you have received clinical or public health advice that your children should still remain at home, please let us know and continue to follow that guidance. We will be offering remote education to these pupils.

Safety measures

When your children come into school, we have already outlined the safety measures we have put in place in the letters sent out at the end of the summer term. We confirm that we have the following protective measures in place:

- Year group bubbles will be in place therefore the children will only mix with (the other same year group class) at times such as outdoor playtimes.



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- Children will need to wear **clean school uniform** each day they are in school
- Your child will need a PE kit in school taken home on Fridays to be washed and returned clean to school on Mondays.
- Book bags can be brought to school each day and reading books will be sent home to encourage reading with an adult at home
- We will **Not** be running **Breakfast Club** in the autumn term
- **Lunches** will consist of **sandwiches/wraps options** and will be **eaten in the classroom.**
- Only **one adult** should accompany their child to school to drop off and the adult will not be able to go into the school building or have time to talk to the class teacher or be able to go to the office to speak to staff in the front offices unless an appointment has been made in advance.
- All communication with school and home will be via arranged appointments (arranged by phoning the school office), letter, phone or email
- The Behaviour Policy Covid-19 appendix sent out in July will remain in place
- There should be **no congregating** of adults to catch up on news in the school grounds.
- Drop off and collection **will be queuing “supermarket style” on markers.**
- Additional cleaning will be in place

Curriculum

Although there will need to be some changes to reflect the teaching time that was lost during the lockdown, we will still be doing our best to provide an ambitious, broad curriculum.

Our current plan is to spend the first few weeks finding out where the children are in their learning and if there are any gaps that need addressing.

We will then be in a better position to explain any curriculum changes necessary to meet the needs of our children.

If we have to return to remote learning for any individual children or year groups at any point, we will be sending out the weekly learning guides again with links to work on Purple Mash. The Oak Academy, BBC Bitesize and White Rose maths. You will be able to communicate with the class teacher using the newly set up class emails.



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Year 2 will have the opportunity to participate in an afterschool sports club on a Tuesday

Pastoral support

We are aware that the lockdown has been a difficult time for many of us, including our pupils.

Please let us know if you think your children might need extra support when returning to school, such as if they feel anxious about coming back or they are experiencing bereavement. You can get in touch with the school office on 01908 674620 who will try to address your concerns or arrange a time for either Mrs Stobart or Mrs Patterson to speak to you

If you have any questions or concerns about the points we have set out above, please get in touch with the school office on 01908674620 and they will then put you through to the relevant person.

We are extremely grateful for all the support we have received so far from the school community. We will continue to keep in touch if there are any updates to our plans or if we need to make changes due to new or updated government advice.

Warm regards,

Verity Stobart
Headteacher