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Wider Opening of school for ALL children from 1st September 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your support and patience over the last few months. It has been a very difficult time for everyone, and things have often changed on a daily basis so thank you for understanding. We have got lots of things right, and adapted to new ways of working but we have also reflected on things that we can and will improve moving forward. Thank you for your feedback.

As announced by the Prime Minister, Schools will be opening for ALL children in September.

As I am sure you can imagine, there will need to be some considerable changes to our school policies and procedures in order to ensure the safety of our children and staff, in-line with current scientific guidance around COVID-19.

Children will be in 'Class Bubbles' and will have staggered start and finish times. Playtimes and lunchtimes will also be different to minimise contact between different class bubbles. We will be working hard to ensure that school feels as normal for the children as possible.

We are expecting ALL children back to school on Tuesday 1st September 2020. In order to minimise the number of children and parents on site at any given time, we will be staggering the start and end times as follows;

Year Groups	Drop off time	Collection time
1, 3 & 5	8.45am	3.10pm
2, 4 & 6	8.50am	3.15pm
Nursery/Reception	8.55am	3.20pm

If possible, particularly for older children can Parents please drop children off at the school gate, this would be helpful. If you need to come onto the playground with your children please follow social distancing guidelines. Where families have children in different year groups please follow the drop off and collection times for your YOUNGEST child. ALL classes will access school by their own classroom door. It would be appreciated if you could be prompt and stick to the allocated times and follow social distancing guidelines.

Visitors will not be allowed into school without having made an appointment. If you need to speak to a member of staff please do so by telephone. If you call the school office they should be able to help you, or arrange for a member of staff to call you back as soon as possible.

Children will be required to wear school uniform once we return in September. Once your child has been told which days they have P.E they can wear their kit on those days, rather than having to bring



it and get changed. We will inform you of guidelines for swimming once we are back in the Autumn. Currently our swimming pool is out of use.

School bags will be allowed, but please only bring them if it is absolutely necessary. Packed lunch boxes can be brought in, with a water bottle. Please make sure that they are clearly labelled with your child's name. Children can bring a healthy snack for playtime.

School lunches will be prepared by the school kitchen, but with a slightly reduced menu of sandwiches, pasta, jacket potatoes and some hot dishes for the first few weeks.

Current guidance does not require children or staff to wear a face mask. Staff will wear PPE if they are providing personal care for a child or if they are caring for a child who is unwell and shows symptoms of coronavirus. This guidance may change before September.

Home learning Mats will not be updated from September. Instead we will be putting links on each class page of our website to the Oak National Academy, <https://www.thenational.academy/> which has been selected by the government to provide online learning for pupils, should it be needed for the next school year.

All children will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. Tables, surfaces and equipment will be regularly sanitised throughout the day in addition to at the end of the day. We will continue to have high expectations for the behaviour of all children and will be looking for the support of parents in promoting and celebrating pupils returning to school after a long time.

If your child is ill and unable to attend school, we ask that you inform us before 9.30am. When notifying us, you will be asked a few questions about their symptoms, which will allow us to take any necessary precautions.

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 1st September. We will continue to update the school website with any changes to our plans for wider reopening. If you haven't done so yet, you can collect your child's report, and any free school meal vouchers for the summer from the school office.

Thank you for your patience and support over the last few months.

Best wishes, stay safe and have a lovely summer.

Mr. Ian Hunt
Headteacher



