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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to you all. We hope you've all had a fantastic summer and are looking forward to starting this new school year.

We are very much looking forward to getting to know your children. Rest assured we will care for them and keep them safe as if they were our own. We know these are difficult times for everybody and we are all 'feeling our way.' We have an exciting half term planned and we hope everybody will be happy and settled as quickly as possible. If you do have any questions, queries or concerns or just want to chat we are more than happy to. The end of the school day is an ideal time for this or if that doesn't work we can organise a time that is suitable. We are also contactable by email jhutchinson@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk and adenton@stocksbridge-nur.sheffield.sch.uk

Here is a taster of what will happen on a regular basis in class 8. We will also be washing hands very regularly throughout the day!

Routine of the morning

1. First, your child will find their peg and hang up their coat and book bag.



2. Should your child bring a packed lunch from home, we will keep these in our cloakrooms until we head to the hall at lunch times. Please make sure lunch bags are named.



3. They will then put their healthy snack from home in their named tray and their water bottle will go next to the sink. Please make sure all snacks and bottles are labelled with your child's name. *There is a healthy snack list in your induction pack.*



4. They will then wash their hands at our sinks with soap.

5. Next, your child will find their name on a log slice and put it in the basket, this is our self-registration.



6. A grown up in school will help your child choose their lunch using the smart board. Please let an adult know if there is a particular lunch, you want your child to have on any particular day.
7. Now your child is ready to play! They will access our indoor continuous provision areas until we are ready to come together as a class.



Helpful hints

- Mrs Hutchinson's teaching days are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Miss Denton teaches on a Monday and Tuesday, but is in and around school all week.
- **Snacks:** We ask that you provide your child with a healthy snack for the afternoon (fruit, breadsticks, vegetable sticks, and hard cheese). Snacks not taken home at the end of each day will be disposed of, to help keep our classroom smelling fresh. We ask that you label this snack, as 10 apples can all look the same.
- **Water bottles:** These should be provided on a daily basis please, to help your child stay hydrated, awake and ready to learn. Please refresh the contents each day. Water **ONLY** is allowed in school **NO juice**, as sugar stops you from thinking as well as you can! If your child has a diagnosed medical condition that affects their fluid intake, please have a chat with one of our team so we can help in every way.
- **PE:** We will be doing PE twice a week. On a **Thursday**, PE will be inside and on a **Friday**, PE will be outside. **DUE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION, WE ARE ASKING THE CHILDREN TO COME DRESSED READY FOR PE ON THEIR PE DAYS.** Please make sure your child has a full PE kit - dark shorts and white t-shirt (inside kit) and a warm track suit/joggers/hoodie and trainers/pumps (outside kit). Please ensure any earrings have been removed before school, or children will not be able to join in with PE.
- **Book Bags:** Please bring this to school every day and check for notes, letters and new books to share with your child. We will try to ensure that letters are only sent home on Fridays to make life easier for you. Once your child has a reading book, we will change them at least once per week. If you would like a different book at any point, please just ask.
- **Wellies:** Please bring to school a pair of labelled wellies in a carrier bag. Your child will be using them on a daily basis in our outdoor learning area and each week for 'Welly Wednesday.' We suggest that you leave them on your child's peg to save you bringing them in each day. 1 less thing to think about!

- **Uniform and Welly Wednesday:** We ask that you write your child's name in each piece of uniform, including pants, vests and coats, so that lost clothing can be easily returned to your child. Every Wednesday is 'Welly Wednesday' in our reception classes. ON WELLY WEDNESDAYS YOUR CHILD WILL PROBABLY GET A BIT MESSY WITH THEIR OUTDOOR LEARNING, SO THEY ARE WELCOME TO COME IN THEIR NORMAL CLOTHES (NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM). We ask that Welly Wednesday clothes are suitable for the outdoors; for example, no party dresses. In our experience, jeans tend to get wet and are hard to dry. Tracksuit bottoms are great and durable. This would be our recommendation.

If anybody is willing to spend a little time in the classroom to hear readers or work with the children, your help will be greatly appreciated. Please let us know if you are / think you might be interested.

Finally, if you have any queries, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to ask one of us. We are always more than willing to make the time after school to chat with you.

Many thanks,
Class 8 team

Mrs Hutchinson, Miss Denton, Miss Cowley and Mrs Hearnshaw

