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Dear Parents, Carers & Guardians,

25<sup>th</sup> August 2020

## SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

I hope you have all had, and continue to have a lovely summer holiday. The weather is certainly keeping us on our toes!

There have been no major changes to guidance over the summer and the risk assessment I sent, prior to closing for the summer is still current. We can never make school risk free, with our without Covid 19, but I am confident we have done all we can to make it as safe a place to learn and work as we can.

You might want to show your child the simple film we made prior to reopening for more children in June. It just shows them how school looks now. Whilst we have followed the guidance re setting up classrooms, resources etc, we have balanced this with making school still feel and look inviting and be a place the children enjoy coming to and feel happy in. You can also watch a simple [virtual tour of school](#) on our website.

Each class in school and Nursery will form their own bubble. Each class will not mix with other classes other than passing in the corridor at times, which is deemed a low risk.

### Attendance:

The Government have made it very clear that they expect all children to return to school in September other than the tiny minority who continue to shield because of medical diagnosis. The Government will revoke the temporary disapplication around non-attendance at school and the usual policies and procedures will come back into force.

### Infection Control/Social Distancing:

The guidance is very clear that schools are not being expected to maintain 2m gaps between children. Staff have maintained 2m distancing from each other whenever we can and we will continue to do so in September. We will endeavour to do this where we can and where it is appropriate with the children, but we do not and cannot guarantee a 2m gap at all times.

We ask that any parent exhibiting symptoms does not come onto the school premises.

Here are some of the infection control measures detailed in our risk assessment:

- Any child who displays symptoms will be sent home. We have allocated a space in school where a child will be cared for. They will be looked after by a member of staff who may need to wear PPE dependent on the symptoms the child has. Weather permitting we will take the child outside.
- Parents will need to make sure they can collect their child promptly. Please make sure we have up to date contact details and that phones are switched on.
- Parents will be expected to engage with the test and trace system.
- If we have a confirmed case in school, we will enact the guidance to test and/or isolate the rest of the children and staff, and all parents will be informed.
- Children will be supported to wash their hands on arrival at school and very regularly throughout the day – when changing rooms, before and after eating and when coming in from outside play.





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- Each classroom has hand sanitiser and it is all around school.
- Tissues are available in every classroom and we will promote the 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- Surfaces and resources will be cleaned thoroughly at the end of each day and wiped regularly whilst the children are with us.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):**

We have this in school. The guidance is clear that this is not something we should use regularly with children. Children should not come to school with facemasks. If you are using public transport where they are mandatory, please remove these safely before entering the school site. The safest way for you and your child to come to school is to walk. Our risk assessment details when staff will wear PPE but handwashing and good hygiene will be our main priority.

**First aid and other needs:**

Wherever possible, first aid needs will be dealt with by your child's teacher or teaching assistant.

**Pick up and Drop Off:**

Each class or bubble has a designated drop off and pick up time and a place for you to do so. We have tried to ensure siblings have the same times wherever possible. **It is important you bring and collect your child on time so that we can ensure the bubbles/classes don't mix.** It will be like a military operation! Some schools are denying access to children who arrive late. We do not envisage having to do this but we are very reliant on you coming on time to make this all work. Your child will be met in the playground by their teacher; the teaching assistant will remain in the classroom ready to greet them inside. The children have coped very well with this system since March. We ask that parents maintain 2m social distancing at all times whilst on the school premises. We ask that you leave as soon as you have dropped off your child. A member of staff will monitor each gate to ensure the children do not leave the premises once you have left. We do this as an additional safety measure. We ask that you do not enter the school building unless necessary.

Class	Bubble/Class size	Adults working with the class/bubble	Start time	Finish time	Drop off & Collection points
Nursery	41	Kirsty Rogers, Wendy Schofield, Abigail Spencer, Kerstin Price, Katherine Taylor	8.45 – 9.10am Wednesday 12noon	2.45 – 3.00pm Wednesday 11.30am	Nursery entrance via Alpine Road.
Class 1	29	Rob Barker, Ashley Denton, Clare Costello Natalie Couldwell	8.30am	2.45pm	Gate near the school office.
Class 2	30	Helen Ollerenshaw, Hilary Greenwood, Alisha Maclean, Lucy Rogers	8.45am	3.00pm	Gate near the school office.
Class 4	27	Ruth Heavens, Jo Dronfield, Gill French, Pat Darnill, Sue Davis	9.00am	3.15pm	Gate onto the main playground.
Class 5	28	Jodie Palmer, Charlotte Cryer, Kerstin Price	8.45am	3.00pm	Gate onto the main playground.
Class 6	23	Alison Priest, Jackie Jennings, Lynda Bembrick	8.30am	2.45pm	gate onto the main playground. They will enter their class via the gate and door into their classroom.
Class 7	27	Katie Miles, Janette Newton, Emma Renton	8.30am	2.45pm	Gate onto small playground
Class 8	26	Ashley Denton, Janine Hutchinson, Eliann Cowley, Lucy Hearnshaw, Linda Greenwood	8.45am	3.00pm	Gate onto small playground

**For our children starting Reception.** We have considered many different ways to allow parents into school to drop off the children but the risks are too great for yourselves, the children and the staff. So we ask that you drop them with us in the playground (Class 6 in the large playground and Classes 7 & 8 in the small playground). The children will then be set off on a treasure hunt (linked to their interests) to





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take them into school where the hunt will continue. We will change the treasure hunt to keep the children interested and learning may well lead on from the hunt for the rest of the day. We ask that you leave the premises as soon as we have the children going inside. A member of the leadership team will be there to support you and the children and a member of support staff will monitor the gates.

### **School Office:**

Our office will have a screen. We ask that only one parent enters the office at a time. There is hand sanitizer on the wall outside to use before pressing the green button for entry. We will not be accepting cash for any payments and ask that all monies be paid using ParentPay.

### **Uniform and items for home:**

Children should come to school in September in uniform. The children will begin using their cloakrooms. Class 2 will use the pegs outside Class 3 to ease congestion in the small cloakroom that Classes 1 & 2 usually share.

We will still be learning outside whenever we can so please send your child to school with a pair of wellies, which can be kept here. Please send them in sturdy shoes.

We would like you to keep PE kits at home and send your child in their PE kit on the days they do this subject. Each class teacher will send home a letter very early in September, letting you know the days your child will need to come to school in their PE kit. They should wear it underneath a pair of jogging bottoms and a school sweatshirt. Many of our little children need help with buttons, fastenings and tights! It is one less need to be very close to each other if they are already wearing their kit.

Children can bring bags to school but we ask that they keep the belongings they bring into school to a minimum. Children will have a named tray for their belongings and a stationary pack for their own use.

Children should not bring toys, games, bikes or scooters to school.

We will not send home anything the children have produced in school e.g. art work.

### **Reading books:**

Once we give out reading books, and we will need to reassess each child to make sure we give the correct level phonic and reading book, these can be returned to a labelled basket in the classroom, which will be quarantined for 48 hours before the books are re-shelved for circulation.

### **Playtimes/Lunchtimes/Catering:**

Each class will have their playtimes separately, at different times and in different places so they do not mix. This will also be the case for lunchtime. Each class will have their own set of equipment to play with outside. The fixed play equipment will remain out of bounds initially until we are certain we can keep it clean. Please send your child to school with a pair of named wellies (which can be left here) and wearing sturdy shoes. It may be that their play space is on grass and it may have rained and still be wet.

Lunchtimes will be staggered beginning at 11.30 for some and up to 12.45pm for others. Those classes who are starting school earlier will go for earlier lunch. Those who come to school later will have lunch a little later. Classes 6, 7 & 8 will have their lunches in the hall in socially distanced spaces. Classes 1, 2, 4 & 5 will have their lunch in their classroom. The children will be helped to fetch their lunch from the





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hatch. We have been so impressed with how the children have managed this during June and July. We have had no accidents, spills, upsets. Never underestimate what young children can do! For the first week, the children will have the choice of a hot meal or jacket potato with a choice of toppings. Here is the menu for the first week back.

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Sausage and mash.
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Beef and onion pie.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Fish fingers and chips.

The toppings for jacket potatoes are cheese, beans and tuna. The children will also have the choice of a bun or biscuit for dessert or a piece of fruit.

We are hoping to begin offering sandwiches for the second week back. Yoghurt may have to wait a little longer!

It is important that children bring their own named water bottle and a snack although free fruit will be available in September for the children.

Free milk will be available for our Reception (who are under 5) and our Nursery children. We will send out a letter to parents of children in Year 1 and 2 at the end of the first week to see if you would like your child to have milk and we will then get this ordered.

**Curriculum:**

We always begin the year, every year, with a focus on personal, social and emotional development. September will be no different other than we may need to spend longer than usual helping the children settle back in to school life and get used to the new ways of being here. We know that children’s experiences of lock down and school closure will be different but we are prepared for this.

**Classroom layouts:**

Classroom layouts will be different, for Y2 children mainly but we will organise tables so they don’t look too formal whilst being as safe as we can make it. In Year 1, we will reduce the number of tables so the children have more room to access provision. We are conscious our current Reception have missed a term of their Early Year’s education so we will continue this on into Year 1, transitioning slowly to a Key Stage 1 curriculum when they are ready.

Internal doors will be kept open to minimise the need to touch handles. We will work with windows open for fresh air.

**Moving around school:**

Our corridors are now marked with which way to walk. Passing in corridors is deemed low risk but staff will be vigilant and move children when it is clear to do so.

**Toilets:**





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Nursery have their own toilets. Classes 5, 6, 7 & 8 will use the top corridor toilets and Classes 1, 2 & 4 will use the bottom corridor ones. The guidance states that they only need to be cleaned once per day but we are adding an additional clean before lunchtime.

#### **Clubs/Calendar Events:**

There will be no after school clubs until further notice. The school day will now stretch from 8.30-3.15pm dependent on drop off and collection times.

The calendar for the new school year will be developed over the summer, put on the school website and sent to you in September. We will continue to plan the events we usually hold and hope that we can run some of these as we usually would. It is more likely we will have to tweak how we do them but we hope we won't have to cancel too many.

#### **Resources:**

Children will have their own stationary (other than in Nursery where it will be wiped). Staff will wash resources at the end of each day. In Nursery, resources will be swapped over on Wednesdays in preparation for our end of the week children.

#### **Visitors:**

We will begin accepting our regular visitors and volunteers into school slowly in September. We will ensure they work within one class and maintain 2m social distancing wherever they can. Parents will also not be allowed in to school without an appointment or a very specific reason to come inside.

I hope this gives you the majority of information you need for September. I am sure we will not get through the summer without further news and the dreaded government guidance. If there is anything further you need to know before 2<sup>nd</sup> September, I will be in touch.

Best wishes

Jane Townsend  
Headteacher

